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JAPAN TO EXTEND ARMED OPERATIONS

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Prince Konoye Makes Startling Prediction

PEACE PROPOSALS FROM MARSHAL CHIANG WILL NEVER BE ACCEPTABLE

London, May 9.

Mr. A. C. Moreing, Conservative Member for Preston, asked in the House of Commons to-night whether the Government was aware of the fact that Japanese authorities were refusing to allow British railway officials to inspect the Shanghai-Nanking line on behalf of British mortgagees of railway revenues, and were themselves selling passenger tickets on the line.

The questioner asked what steps were being taken to stop this serious breach of the Loan Agreement.

Mr. R. A. Butler, Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, replied that he was aware of the refusal to allow inspection of the line. With regard to the sale of railway tickets, he understood that permits to travel on the line were issued by the Japanese military authorities, and that permit-holders had to pay their fares to the Japanese.

The British Ambassador to China, Sir Archibald Kerr Clark Kerr, has urged the Japanese authorities to ensure the safeguarding of British interests in the line. Sir Robert Craigie, the Ambassador to Tokyo, has also taken up the matter, and has asked the Japanese Government to afford an early opportunity to representatives of British mortgagees to inspect and survey the line, and to take necessary measures to safeguard the interests of British bond-holders.

Mr. A. V. Alexander, Member for the Hillsborough Division of Sheffield, asked if this was one of the "vested interests" in which Mr. Koki Hirota, the Japanese Foreign Minister, had referred. Could Britain, he asked, rely that there would be no selling of the Chinese people for vested interests?

In reply, the Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs said that Mr. Alexander could rest assured that the British Government would consider

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Philippines May Deport Thousands Of Alien People

Manila, May 9.

The Secretary for Labour has ordered the arrest and possible deportation of 11,000 aliens residing in the Philippine Islands.

They will be charged with overstaying their landing permits. Seven thousand Chinese are affected by the decision.—*United Press.*

HITLER LEAVING ITALY

To Lay Wreaths On Graves Of Mussolini Family

Rome, May 9.

Herr Adolf Hitler left for Florence this morning on his way back to Germany.

Signor Mussolini, who had seen the Fuehrer off, followed in another special train.

Il Duce's train having overtaken that in which the German Chancellor was travelling, Signor Mussolini was able to welcome Herr Hitler when he arrived in Florence.

The splendour of mediaeval Italy lived again in honour of the German dictator. Florence was in its gayest colours, which were enhanced by bright, spring sunshine.

Before leaving Italy, Herr Hitler is expected to visit Mussolini's birthplace, where he will lay wreaths on the graves of Il Duce's ancestors.—*Reuter.*

ETHIOPIA'S DELEGATES ACCEPTED AT GENEVA

Decision Taken At Secret Session

Geneva, May 9.

After a secret session lasting three hours, the League Council decided that the Ethiopian delegation would be allowed to be present at the table of the Council when the Ethiopian question was being discussed, on condition that the presence of the delegation would be without prejudice to the question of principle, and subject to the validity of their credentials.

A statement at 11.30 a.m. by Lord Halifax, the British Foreign Minister who is leading the Empire delegation, will be followed by a long speech by Dr. Wellington Koo of China on the general situation in the Far East.

The League Council has decided that the Chinese appeal will be heard in public to-morrow.

It was also decided that there should be no resolution or recommendation on the subject of Abyssinia, but only declarations by individual members of the League.

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Japanese Strike Swiftly at Lunghai Railway

CAPTURED BY INSURGENTS—These war-bedraggled soldiers are Loyalists taken prisoner by the Insurgents who recaptured the long fought over Spanish city of Teruel. The Insurgents asserted that Loyalists "in great numbers" were deserting Government trenches in the Teruel sector. Since then many Britons in the International Brigade have been killed or captured. There may be some in this group.

JAPAN'S LOSSES SET AT 350,000

More Than Million Men Landed In China So Far

Hankow, May 9.

Since the beginning of the war in July last year, the Japanese have landed 1,100,000 troops in China.

They have suffered 350,000 casualties.

These estimates are made to-day by a Chinese military spokesman, who expressed the belief that the remaining Japanese forces in China were insufficient to hold the long lines in Shantung.

"We are doing our utmost to lengthen this line, for the longer it becomes, the more scattered and disorganised will be the Japanese forces trying to maintain it."

The spokesman expressed the opinion that the Tientsin-Pukow Railway would continue to be the main front for some time.

"Should the Japanese decide, however, to concentrate their main push in, let us say, Shansi, then Shansi will become a second Shantung, and the Tientsin-Pukow area will become a second Shansi, where the Japanese troops will be forced to give back all but a few isolated points."

"They have had to do this already in Shansi, because the long battle-front on the Tientsin-Pukow railway in Shantung has forced them to withdraw all available forces from other provinces."—*United Press.*

Anticipates Recovery Of Business

Basle, May 9.

An interesting economic analysis of the present meeting of the Administrative Council of the Bank of International Settlements, made to-day by the Vice President, Dr. J. W. Beyen (famous Dutch financial expert), examines the reasons for the economic and business revival in the first half of 1937 and the recession in the second half of the same year.

Dr. Beyen's analysis compares the crisis of 1929-32 with present world conditions, and expresses the view that to-day there is much more hope of a quick recovery.

The analysis concludes by alluding to the fact that currencies of an increasing number of countries are adjusting themselves to levels which may be maintained on a permanent basis.—*Reuter.*

BRITISH RAILWAY INTERESTS IN CHINA IN DANGER

Japanese Allegedly Sell Fares on Mortgaged Nanking-Shanghai Line

Kyoto, May 10.

Declaring that the new war situation in China was "objectively more important than the occupation of Nanking," Premier Prince Ayamaro Konoye yesterday predicted major military developments within the course of the current month.

Marshal Chiang Kai-shek, the Japanese Prime Minister told newspapermen on his arrival here from Tokyo to attend memorial services for Emperor Komei, great grand-father of the present monarch, who ruled from 1848 to 1867, may "sue for peace" as a sequel to Japan's new military action.

The apparent deadlock in the Sino-Japanese hostilities, Prince Konoye asserted, had been reported in an "exaggerated" manner abroad. As a result, he continued, the new Japanese operations would have "important significance" in the world at large.

INCIDENTS CANNOT BE AVOIDED

Shanghai Conditions To Blame

London, May 9.

Mr. Arthur Henderson, Labour Member for the Kingswinford division of Staffordshire, asked in the House of Commons to-night what steps were being taken to prevent repetitions of recent incidents in Shanghai between Japanese troops and officers and men of the British Services.

Mr. R. A. Butler, Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, replied that incidents of the nature mentioned were always liable to occur in the conditions ruling in the Shanghai area.

The British Government was doing its utmost by negotiation and remonstration to avoid a recurrence of such incidents.—*Reuter.*

Should the regime under Gen. Chiang Kai-shek sue for peace, the Prime Minister said, Japan would not be able to accept any proposals because of her declaration of January 16 not to deal with the Hankow government leader.

Marshal Chiang, Premier Konoye went on, may "reconsider" and attempt to establish friendly relations with the new Chinese government.

Under such circumstances, the Prime Minister believed there would be no alternative left for the Kuomintang regime than to be merged into the new Chinese government, with which Japan has announced her intentions to co-operate under the anti-Comintern banner.

The Prime Minister further foreshadowed the fusion of the "Nanking and Peiping regimes early next month

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CHINESE CONTINUE TO HARASS REAR OF INVADING ARMY

No Hesitation Admitting Enemy's Recent Gains

Hsuchow, May 10.

Having failed in their repeated attempts to capture Hsuchow, the Japanese command is reported to have changed its tactics on the Tientsin-Pukow Railway front.

A new southward drive by heavy reinforcements from Lincheng and Tsining, with Kweiteh on the Lunghai Railway as objective, has been launched by the Japanese.

Meanwhile, the main Japanese force on the north bank of the Hwai River is advancing vigorously toward Mengcheng, about 80 kilometres north-west of Hwaiyuan, by the Mengcheng-Hwaiyan highway. After reaching Mengcheng, the Japanese expect to push directly northward to close in on Kweiteh.

Temporarily the Japanese troops on both the north and south sectors of Tientsin-Pukow Railway and east of the railway line are taking the defensive.

The Japanese from Tsining have been halted at Kiasiang. A Chinese mobile unit is attacking their rear to harass their advance.

Sanguinary fighting has been raging along the Mengcheng-Hwaiyuan highway since May 6. Lungkang has been taken by the Japanese. The Chinese are holding their lines about four miles east of Mengcheng.

Large units of Chinese guerillas west of the Hwai River have now swung into action to menace the rear of the Japanese attacking Mengcheng.—*Central News.*

Denies Chinese Claims

Shanghai, May 9.

A Japanese spokesman to-night emphatically denied Chinese reports of the re-occupation of Nantungchow. Japanese planes, he said, continued heavy air raids on the Lunghai and

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LEAGUE MUST BE PREPARED FOR WAR

Churchill Urges "Covenant Army" Be Mobilised

London, May 9.

Mr. Winston Churchill, in a speech at Manchester to-night, outlined proposals for making the League of Nations an all-powerful weapon against aggression and aggressors.

He said the plan envisaged would ward off the devastation and horror of war. It lay in a single sentence: "Arm and stand by the Covenant of the League of Nations."

Mr. Churchill suggested that Great Britain and France should say to the smaller, menaced States: "We are not going to help you if you are not going to help yourselves. Are you prepared to take special service in the defence of the Covenant?"

"If we could rally ten well-armed States who were bound to resist aggression we would be so strong that all danger would be warded off," declared Mr. Churchill.

"The Danubian and Balkan States could be mopped up one by one, but together they would display an enormous strength."

Mr. Churchill also mentioned Soviet Russia, Poland and the Baltic and Scandinavian countries as possible supporters of such a plan.

"I do not mean that we should encircle Germany with a ring of hostile Powers. We ask no security for ourselves that we are not prepared to extend to Germany.

"Let her join the club and share its privileges and safeguards.

"The alternative to adoption of the course suggested is to give Germany her colonies, with a free hand to spread the Nazi system in central Europe.

"After an interval we would be drawn into war as an antagonist of an overwhelmingly powerful combination of Nazi states. We would find ourselves without a friend."—*Reuter.*

31-Year-Old Financier Heads Stock Exchange

New York, May 9.

The New York Stock Exchange has formally elected Mr. William Martin, Jr., who is only 31-years old, as Chairman of the Board.

Twenty-seven Governors were also elected unopposed.—*United Press.*

STOP PRESS

BRITISH CONSUL HIDES IN RICEFIELD

Canton, May 10.

Although the British flag was prominently displayed on the roof of the express train in which the British Consul-General at Hankow, Mr. G. S. Moss, and Mrs. Moss were travelling, the party had to leave the train a few miles outside Canton and take to the fields, when an air raid alarm was sounded at 6 o'clock this morning.

The train arrived at Canton at 7.35 a.m., delayed by the air raid.

Four planes flew over Tungshan, but it is believed that no bombs were dropped. Chinese reports that heavy anti-aircraft fire brought down one of the raiders are not yet confirmed.

Delay in the arrival of the train caused Mr. Moss to miss the 8 a.m. river steamer for Hongkong, and he will probably take to-morrow's steamer.

Two Japanese women and one Japanese child who were also passengers in the train made a hectic dash from the station to the wharf, and managed to scramble aboard just as the ship was casting off. They looked pale and worried, but stated that they had a pleasant journey from Hankow, the Chinese train officials showing them every kindness. A military guard was placed on the wharf at Canton to assure that no harm came to the refugees.

Meanwhile, the air alarm is still on throughout Canton.—*Reuter.*

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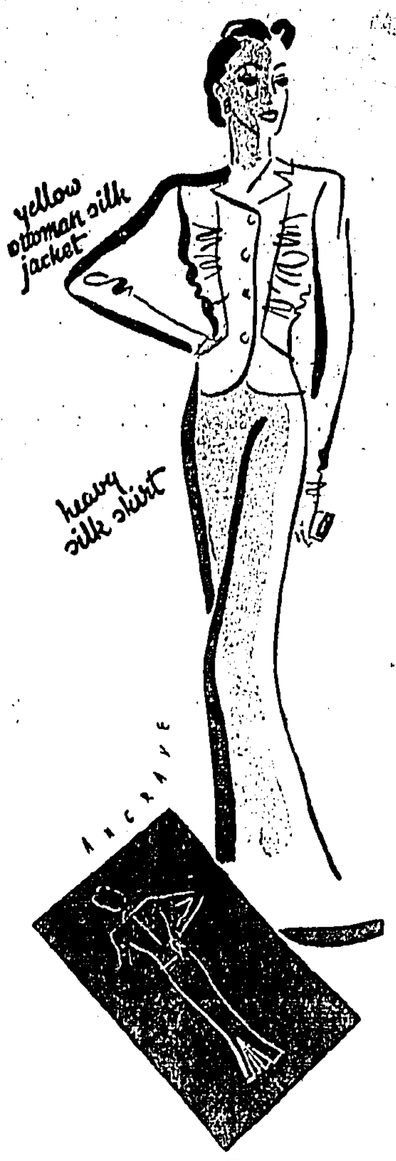
Jacket and Skirt Contrasts



LOOKING back at the Paris Collections from this distance of time enables us to see the new modes in their true perspective. One of the fashion high spots that shine up most distinctly and most persistently is the contrast-colour jacket and skirt vogue. This is a convenient and practical idea which imaginative women will be quick to appreciate and adopt, for with a little ingenious planning two suits and a frock can be arranged to look like several. Result: effect of that variety which most women seek but comparatively few can afford.

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WE were very impressed by Creed's interpretation of this new mode, both in this day and evening models. On the left of the sketch you see one of his exquisitely tailored dinner ensembles—the yellow ottoman silk jacket in the most delicate honey shade; the long, slim skirt, black. He employs this same colour scheme for the town suit on the right—the jacket of whipcord edged black braid; the skirt, black faced cloth; the blouse, softest shiny black satin.

Soups From Fish Stock

WHEN cooking fish for kedjeree or fish cakes, never throw away the liquid. It may be used as the basis of any one of the following delicious varieties of soup:—

To make parsley and fish soup, infuse a bay leaf in a quart of fish stock for 10 minutes, then strain the liquid, and add to it a pint of boiling milk.

Melt 2 ozs margarine in pan, and mix in 2 ozs flour without browning. Gradually add liquid, stirring well to prevent lumps.

When boiling, add 1 tablespoon chopped parsley, and pepper and salt to taste.

Fish and Rice Soup

Put a quart of fish stock in a pan with a tablespoon vinegar, 1 teaspoon white peppercorns, 1 onion, 1 carrot (both sliced), 2 cloves, and a small piece of whole ginger, a few shreds lemon rind, and a teaspoon of salt.

Simmer gently two hours. Strain, then return to pan, and add 2 tablespoons whole rice, well washed, and simmer 40 minutes. Just before serving add 1 dessertspoon chopped parsley.

Curried Fish Soup

Measure the liquid in which the fish was boiled, add an equal quantity of milk; pour into a saucepan, and bring to the boil. Mix a little cornflour and curry powder to a paste with cold milk, stir this into the boiling soup, and season to taste with salt and pepper. Just before serving add some finely chopped parsley.

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How do you give them their pocket-money?

by Olga Illner

GIVING is an art that very few people know how to practise. And the giving of pocket-money is even more than that. It is a science, and one which parents should study very carefully.

After all, fifteen years of pocket money for youngsters, perhaps twenty years, must leave a definte mark on the receiver.

In which way that mark will show on your child's character is entirely in the parents' hands.

"HOW" to give is the great question that faces you, and in order to understand that better, let me first explain "how *not* to give."

Scene: A little village in Kent where I spent a weekend with friends. Ann, blonde, quick-tempered and aged eight, rushes in: "Father, my bob, please!"

Father frowns. "Well, why don't you go to mother?" Ann, blue eyes flashing: "But mother said *you* would give it to me."

Father reluctantly produces a shilling: "You'll spend it all on ice-cream, anyway," he sighs.

Five minutes later Pat enters, stolid, realistic and five years old. His allowance is sixpence.

"If you're a good boy," says father to him, "you'll put this sixpence right into that savings-box and in a few years' time you will have lots and lots of money."

And, click, sixpence has disappeared in the savings-box, leaving a rather resentful and disappointed Pat staring after it.

Moral? When you have fixed an allowance treat it as a debt which must be paid without grumbling. And make it a free, unconditional gift instead of trying to put over beyond a child's imagination.

When you have fixed that allowance you must stick to it. So much and no more.

BUT what about emergency? That unexpected football game for instance? No doubt there is little disciplinary value in an allowance which is ignored.

What then is there to do? Johnny has spent all this week's money on constructing a model yacht. Very wise spending, too, thinks father who does not wish to cramp Johnny's style by putting a bolt to imagination which takes such useful shape.

"Johnny will be a spendthrift!" sighs mother. "Look at Jane! Why, she hardly ever spends a penny of her pocket money."

A bad sign, indeed. I always prefer the child who spends every penny he has got to the one who doesn't know how to spend.

Johnny wants everything. Good! That is a sign of vitality, of imagination, of new and increasing daily interests. Jane is a miser only because she lacks that healthy eagerness for life which craves for new and manifold experience. She waits for things to happen, Johnny goes out to meet them!

The bicycle for which Johnny has been craving for months loses all its interest when he reads the latest news about gliding. It is intensity not lack of concentration that makes Johnny a spendthrift.

"EASY to talk," you will say. "You haven't got to pay for it!" Quite true.

But has it never occurred to you that Johnny is only a spendthrift because you have never given him that certain feeling which I call "family responsibility"; which makes him understand that his pocket money is his due share in the family income?

Make his income elastic and give him responsibility as a business partner. Ask him to draw up a weekly estimate of his needs. That being revised and approved, Johnny should receive the necessary sum and no more.

In that way Johnny would learn careful planning while his style is not being cramped by the 6d. per week limit, as it was before.

Jane, on the other hand, who never knew how to spend money, will be forced to concentrate on that subject. It won't take her long to discover that life is full of things which are worth an effort to obtain.

Vanity Note

It's quite hard to attend to small jobs in the house every day and yet have smooth, well-cared-for hands. Here's a new paste to your rescue.

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ALFRESCO MEALS

By A RAMBLER

WHETHER you go afoot, awheel, or afloat in these first days of summer, you cannot escape the food problem.

This fact was brought home very vividly last weekend, when what should have been a perfect picnic was spoilt by my hostess's ill-chosen contents of the picnic basket.

Sardine sandwiches that have been exposed to some degree of warmth, unprotected by grease-paper can be rather revolting when produced for lunch! That was one discovery we made.

A good piece of advice then is: Always wrap every article of food in greaseproof paper. Whatever your hot drinks, be sure they go into flasks. Whether its tea, coffee, chocolate, cocoa, or just hot milk, keeping it hot is the important point to remember.

Next, don't forget your papier-mache "crockery." There is a wide variety of picnic equipment on the market, at very little cost, and this adds enormously to the comfort of the meal. Too often a picnic anticipated as a treat is, in actual fact, an ordeal.

Some Practical Hints

Here, then, are some practical hints for your out-of-doors meals:—For a tramp over the hills and fields pack your knapsack with an eye to weight. Every ounce should yield the maximum return in nutrition.

This is what I put into my knapsack on my last jaunt:—Brown bread sandwiches with assorted fillings of lettuce, cucumber, egg and cheese. Wholemeal biscuits and cheese. A packet of fruit and nut chocolate and a flask of orange juice. (This time I used the flask to keep the liquid cold.)

With the addition of such fruits as oranges, apples and bananas, this is all that is needed for the ideal picnic-basket.

If, on the other hand, you are one of those who has a rooted dislike of carrying things, then it is possible—with a little care—to take a pocketful of nourishment. A small flask of milk, a packet of biscuits and a bar of chocolate will see you through for many miles.

The great secret is to make all your eatables impervious to the air. Proper wrapping is half the battle with a successful picnic meal. I have known hostesses who put up the most delicious of delicacies—pate de foie gras sandwiches for instance—which came out at lunch time hard, dry, and completely unappetising.

Lastly, always take your meal in the shade. In this country we are often tempted to be greedy of sunshine, but a picnic meal in the sun almost always proves a mistake.

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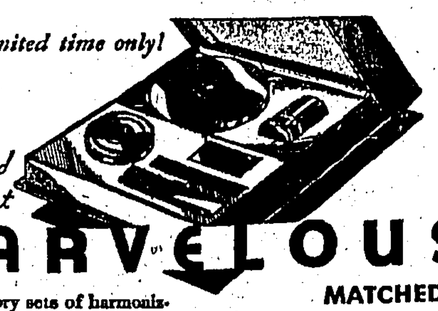

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BRITAIN SPENDS HUGE SUMS FOR NAVY AND MECHANISED ARMY

Determined To Protect Her Frontiers

By Joseph Grigg, Jr.,
United Press Staff Correspondent

(Editor's Note: Great Britain, with wars being fought close to two vital parts of her empire, is spending a staggering sum on armaments, Joseph Grigg, Jr., of the London bureau of the United Press writes in another dispatch on war preparations of the European powers.

LONDON.

GREAT BRITAIN, FOR THE NEXT WAR AT A RECORD PEACE-TIME RATE, IS SPENDING NEARLY £8 ON ARMAMENTS THIS YEAR FOR EVERY PERSON IN THE BRITISH ISLES.

STANLEY BALDWIN TOLD ONLY HALF THE STORY WHEN HE SAID "OUR FRONTIER NO LONGER IS AT THE CLIFFS OF DOVER BUT AT THE RHINE." WITH WARS RAGING NEAR GIBRALTAR AND HONG KONG, GREAT BRITAIN NOW KNOWS THAT THE FRONTIER OF HER EMPIRE IS AS WIDE AS THE WORLD ITSELF.

She is determined to spend and spend until that frontier is protected.

As usual, most of the money will go to the British navy which guards the empire's lifeline.

There are 517,000 tons of warships under construction now, including five 35,000-ton battleships, five aircraft carriers, 10 large cruisers, five cruisers of 5,000 tons each, 30 destroyers and 18 submarines.

It is expected that 60 vessels will be put into service between April, 1938, and March, 1939.

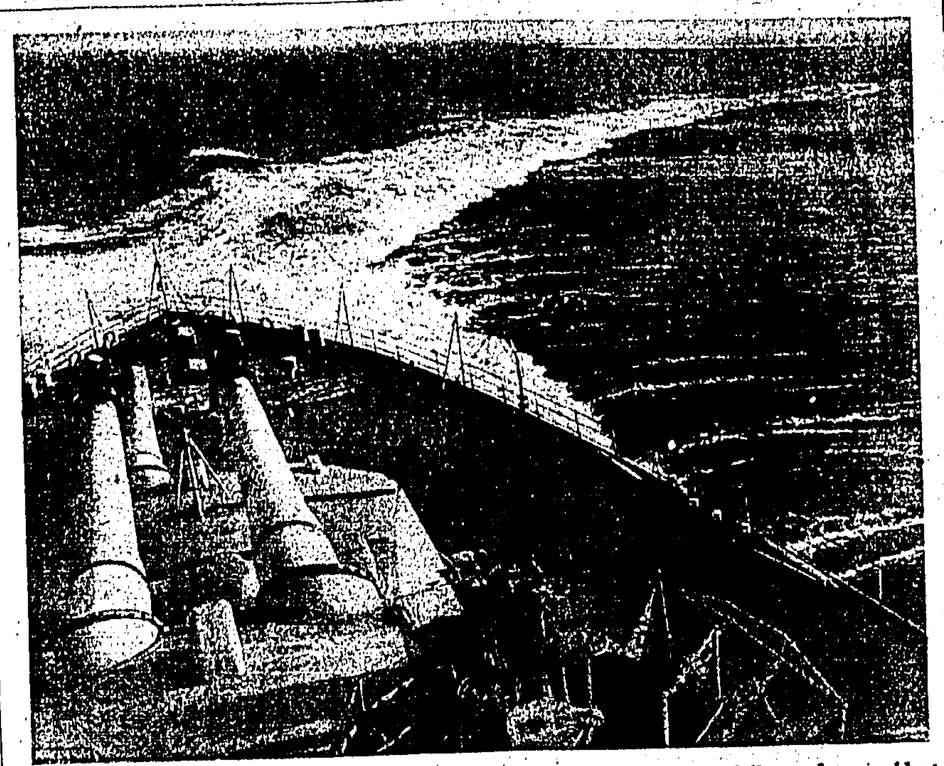
Afloat, Great Britain will be the world's strongest power. But there are two other vital matters that will worry her when war comes—how to get food and how to protect London, the world's most vulnerable target, against air raids.

She intends to solve the food problem the same way she solved the U-boat problem in the World war. She will rely on an elaborate convoy system and will arm her merchant men.

Protection of London is not so easy, but out of her tragic World War experience, Great Britain is making progress.

Any air fleet that starts against London will run into a "balloon barrage"—a protecting line of anchored blimps from which heavy steel cables will dangle. The danger to raiding air men will be more psychological than physical. The "balloon barrage" may force them to fly higher than they normally would do and thereby detract from the accuracy of the bombing.

Thirty million gas masks are in storage for the civilian population and 10,000,000 more will be manufactured. Two anti-gas schools are training volunteers while a general training school for "Air Raid Precaution officers" opens soon.



THE BOILING WAKE of the battleship Warspite as she turns sharply at full speed to avoid attack during the combined exercises. A ship of 30,000 tons, she has a speed of 25 knots.

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A seven-ton charge of dynamite was used to make a cut for a new road on the North St. Vrain highway which leads into the heart of the Rocky Mountains.

"CATACOMB FORTS" TO DEFEND HER SOIL

(Editor's Note: Along the eastern border of France stretches the strongest line of forts in the world. Behind the forts stands what experts still consider the best army in Europe. Ralph Heinzen, Paris bureau manager of the United Press, describes in the following dispatch how France is preparing for the war that many European statesmen consider to be inevitable).

By Ralph Heinzen
United Press Staff Correspondent
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PARIS.

EIGHT MILLION FRENCHMEN ARE READY TO SEIZE RIFLES AND BURROW INTO "CATACOMB FORTS" TO DEFEND THE SOIL OF FRANCE.

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More than half of every franc collected in taxes is turned over to the army, navy and air force. Despite the swift changes in military strength because of the rearmament race, France's army still is judged by experts to be the best in Europe. The fear that haunts every Frenchman is another invasion from the east. Out of that fear has developed the Maginot Line, a £80,000,000 system of underground forts that guards every inch of the Swiss valleys.

Thousands of men are working building roads leading out of the gates of Paris, wide enough to accommodate eight lines of automobiles. Using those roads, the 3,000,000 inhabitants of the capital could turn Paris into a deserted city within a few hours.

Against land attack, France considers herself impregnable. She counts on her own and the British navy to guard her coastline. Like all nations on the crowded continent of Europe, she is vulnerable to air attacks. That is why the general staff has taken extraordinary precautions to protect the civilian population of Paris and other cities against air attack.

Every office building in Paris must be equipped with steel or wooden shutters so that no vagrant gleam of light will offer a target for air raiders.

Buses are equipped with curtains so they can be darkened.

Air raid cellars have been built in courtyards of the foreign ministry, the ministry of war and all other important government buildings. France, if attacked, could maintain an underground government indefinitely.

For 11 years the Bank of France has been building gold vaults, an eighth of a mile deep in places, under a subterranean lake.

War materials factories, once concentrated in a 10-mile belt around Paris, have been decentralised and located in 100 cities.

As this dispatch is written, 20,000 young men—clerks, salesmen, office workers—are preparing to go underground to brush up on their knowledge of the mazes of the Maginot Line. Many of these military reservists will not see the sky for two weeks. They will take some of their meals five stories below the surface of the ground, and when they go back to their jobs another group of reservists will move in. Those young men are the backbone of an army of 8,000,000 which France could mobilize immediately on the declaration of war.

More than any other European country, Russia is self-sufficient when it comes to food and war materials.

Almost every kind of mineral needed to equip an army and navy lies buried somewhere beneath her soil, although much of it is undeveloped. She grows no rubber but contends that she now is manufacturing synthetic rubber and that it is being widely used.

One of the great grain-growing nations of the world, Russia had a good harvest in 1937 and undoubtedly could feed herself if she went to war.

Air raid precautions have been taken in all large cities, but they seem to consist chiefly of propaganda and in efficient gas mask stunts rather than a serious attempt to provide shelters and mask protection for civilians.—*United Press.*

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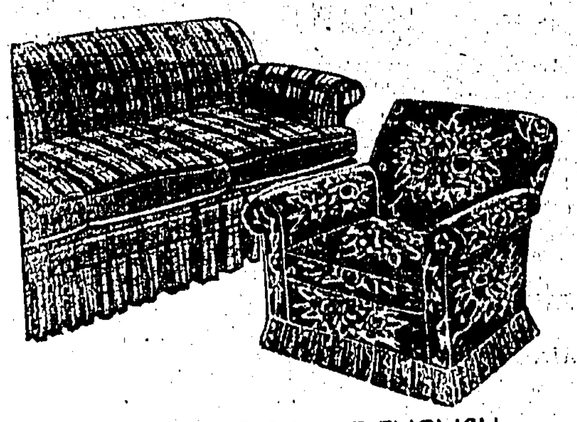

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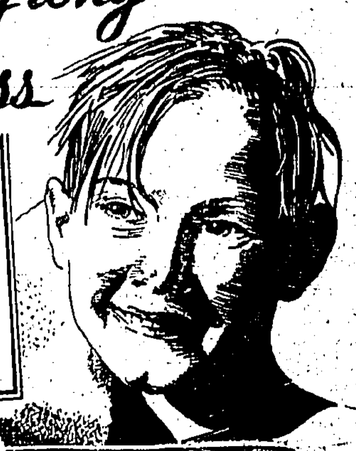

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JAPANESE STRIKE SWIFTLY AT LUNGHAI RAILWAY

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Tientsin-Pukow railways and South China area.—*United Press.*

Japanese Weakened

Hankow, May 9.

Referring to Chinese guerilla activities in the vicinity of Peiping, General Hsu Pei-ken disclosed today that Chinese forces had attacked Laisui, Knopeitien and Liuliho, along the Pingshan Railway, on April 29, Lukouchiao, Mentoku and Tungchow on May 4 and 5, and Chinglungchiao on May 7.

At Chochow, 1,000 Manchukuo troops had deserted to the Chinese forces, and the total Japanese forces in the Peiping and Tientsin areas at present was only three regiments.

"Insufficiency of troops is beginning to tell on the Japanese everywhere, and they now realise that they must give up huge tracts of previously conquered territory if they want to concentrate large forces anywhere, such as on the Tientsin-Pukow front."—*United Press.*

Evacuating Shansi

Hankow, May 10.

The Japanese evacuation of South Shansi and the massing of almost the entire Japanese forces in China for the battle for Hsuchow represented the highlights of the military situation, declared a Chinese army spokesman to-day, reviewing developments during the past week.

Comparing the present Japanese invasion to the Mongol invasion of the Thirteenth Century, the spokesman stressed the impossibility of any foreign race conquering China, since the Mongol garrisons scattered throughout China later were either wiped out or compelled to surrender.

Reviewing the situation in south Shantung, the spokesman said the main body of Chinese forces in the Tangcheng sector had circled around Tancheng, and were at present approaching Linyi. A Chinese column operating west of Tancheng had prevented the Japanese there from forming a junction with the Japanese forces north of Pihsien.

Japanese Halted

The main battle on the south Shantung front, the spokesman stated, had taken place east of Talerchwang. The Chinese counter-attacked on May 3, advancing seven miles, while the Chinese wings were closing in with a gap of only two kilometres separating them. The Chinese left flank, south-west of Yihsien, had fallen back slightly but the Japanese advance had been altered and there was no change in the situation at Hanchwang, where the Chinese and Japanese were opposing each other across the Grand Canal.

Continuing, the spokesman said the Japanese were massing 20,000 men in west Shantung for a drive towards Kweitch, west of Hsuchowfu.

On the Peiping-Hankow railway front the Japanese totalled only one division which was scattered at Sinhsiang, Ponai, Fengchiu and Taming. The main body of the Japanese in Shansi were holding the Tungchow-Pukow railway between Taiyuanfu and Fengyang, with small detachments at Fenglinghu, opposite Tungkwan.

Falling Back

One division in west Shansi had fallen back towards Fengyang following the Chinese occupation of Bishih and Chungyang.

The Japanese are rushing reinforcements to west Sulyuan from Charhar to stem the Chinese advance on Kweisui. The spokesman said they were also massing four divisions south of Hsuchowfu.

Another column, advancing northwards along the railway, had been stopped south of Kucheng, while a column proceeding towards Kweitch, by way of Hwaiyuan, Mengcheng and Pochow, had been halted at Mengcheng.

Yangtse Situation

Reviewing the situation in the Yangtse valley yesterday, a Chinese spokesman said that Japanese troops had occupied Chaohsien, opposite Wuhu, on April 30.

Chinese troops from Hofei advanced eastwards to meet the Japanese, and severe fighting was now in progress at Wanchiashan, north of Chaohsien.

The situation, pointed out the spokesman, was not important, as the total Japanese strength was relatively small.

Japanese troops from Yenchen who were advancing northwards along the sea-coast have been halted at Kounncheng, south of Fuling. Japanese claims to have occupied Fuling on May 6 are believed to be premature, as Chinese troops had communicated to headquarters the information that on Monday the situation at Fuling was still obscure.

Turning to the situation south of the Yangtse, the Chinese spokesman declared that Chinese forces were attacking Fuyang, on the north bank of the Chientang River, and the capital of Chekiang province.

In Kiangsu, the Chinese were attacking Liyang and Yihsing, and latest reports indicated they were only four miles from the latter city. At Liyang they were approaching the city wall, thus interrupting highway communication between Nanking and Hangchow.—*Reuter.*

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JAPAN TO EXTEND ARMED OPERATIONS

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all British interests concerned in the dispute.—*Reuter.*

Japanese May Use Poison Gas

Hsuchow, May 10.

It is learned from usually reliable sources that the Japanese military authorities in Tokyo have given permission to the Japanese forces on the south Shantung front to use poison gas and other chemicals on a large scale.

The Chinese Command is taking adequate measures against this threat.—*Central News.*

Nazis Behead Dutchman On Secret Charge

Amsterdam, Apr. 22.

After lying in a Nazi jail for more than four months under sentence of death, Willy Cammans, a 44-year-old Dutchman, was beheaded to-day.

Nobody, not even his family, was told what his crime was—merely that he had committed "high treason."

Cammans was born in Germany of Dutch parents, and served in the German army as a boy, without losing his Dutch nationality.

After the Armistice Cammans set himself up as a shoemaker at Venlo, on the German border of Holland, and married a Dutch woman.

He often went to Germany on business, and on one of these trips he was arrested and thrown into prison. He did not come out again, and his wife heard not another word from him.

The execution took place in face of official protests by the Dutch Government, and the help of a Dutch lawyer was refused. The trial being secret, no report ever reached Holland, and even the death sentence was made known to Mrs. Cammans in a roundabout manner.

Mussolini Criticises Pope Pius

Sequel To Attack On Swastika

Rome, May 9.

A reply to the recent attack on the swastika flag by His Holiness the Pope was made by Signor Benito Mussolini's newspaper, *Popolo d'Italia*, this morning.

Addressing 500 newly-married couples last week, the Pope deplored the appearance of the Nazi swastika in Rome. "The swastika is certainly not Christ's Cross", he declared.

"We should like to say to the Father of all us Catholics that it is very dangerous to speak of the Cross of Christ, and wave it above as if it were a weapon," said *Popolo d'Italia* this morning.

"One would then find oneself in the threatening and grinning company of Masonic money-lenders and Bolsheviks, without even having in one's hand the whip with which to drive them from the Temple of God, and to remain alone, desperately alone, praying, praying, praying!"

"You may understand how necessary it is for you to pray, pray, pray for the mercy of the Almighty in His largeness," His Holiness concluded in his protest last week against the beflagging of Rome with the swastika.—*Reuter.*

BRITISH PROTEST REJECTED

London-Born Woman Confined In Russia Alone In Cell

Moscow, May 9.

The Soviet Government has rejected the British Government's Note of Protest at the detention of Rose Cohen, a woman Communist who has been undergoing solitary confinement in a Russian prison since September last year.

The Soviet reply to the British Note emphatically declared that Rose Cohen is a Soviet citizen.

The British Note to the Soviet stated that Britain took a very grave view of the unsatisfactory state of affairs revealed by the Cohen affair, which disregarded the elementary principles of international comity.

Rose Cohen has been for many years foreign editor of the semi-official Moscow *Daily News*. She was born in London in 1894 but married a Russian.—*Reuter.*

BRITISH RAILWAY INTERESTS IN CHINA IN DANGER

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as a sequel to the predicted startling military developments.

The Reformed and Provincial Governments have agreed to merge when through traffic is restored on the Tientsin-Pukow and Lunghai railways.—*Domei.*

Predicts Change In War Situation

Kyoto, May 9.

Prince Konoye, the Japanese Premier, in a press statement to-day emphasised that the military situation in China was developing exactly as planned, and was now assuming an importance probably even greater than that attached to the occupation of Nanking.

Despite "great exaggerations" of the situation abroad, the Japanese Premier predicted a considerable change in the situation before the end of the month.

Japan was proceeding slowly with its policies towards the new Chinese regime in Nanking and Peiping. There may be some friction in the Cabinet and with Councillors, but everything would eventually be smoothed over.

"Japan is determined to co-operate with the new China," he declared.—*United Press.*

Wang Keh-min Returns

Peiping, May 10.

Mr. Wang Keh-min, head of the Provisional Government, returned here from Tokyo by air last night.

Whilst in Tokyo, Mr. Wang interviewed most members of the Japanese Cabinet on such subjects as economic co-operation, the union of the Peiping and Nanking Provisional Governments, the Japanese recognition of the two Governments.—*Reuter.*

SCOTTISH CENTRES OF LEARNING IN NEED OF FUNDS

London, May 9.

The four Scottish universities are stated to be "hard up," according to a report issued regarding their financial situation.

The report recommends they be given grants totalling £43,000 annually. If the recommendations are adopted, Glasgow University will receive £21,000 annually; Edinburgh University £12,000; St. Andrew's £5,000 and Aberdeen University £4,000.—*Reuter.*

Loyalists Won't Treat With Enemy

Will Fight On To Day Of Victory

London, May 9.

Reports of mediation in the Spanish Civil War were emphatically repudiated by Senor Del Vayo, the Spanish Government delegate to the League Council meeting, in a statement issued at Geneva last night.

According to the official *Spanish Press Agency*, the statement declares that nobody has been authorised to open conversations or negotiations for the conclusion of an armistice in Spain.

No armistice or mediation is possible between the Independent people of Spain and the German and Italian invaders.

The statement concludes by emphasising that the Spanish Republic will resist until the end—namely, until victory.—*Reuter.*

"SURRENDER" FRANCO'S ONLY PEACE TERM

Berlin, May 9.

Herr Joachim von Ribbentrop, former German Ambassador to London, who returned to Berlin recently from Burgos, declared to-day that unconditional surrender was the only solution of the Spanish Civil War acceptable to the Insurgent leader, General Franco.

This was made clear in an official statement by the Insurgents, in reply to Geneva reports of a Loyalist move for an Armistice and peace.—*Reuter.*

ETHIOPIA'S DELEGATES ACCEPTED AT GENEVA

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Council, acting within their sovereign rights.

This procedure was adopted when the question of Italian aggression came before the Council.—*Reuter.*

ETHIOPIANS PRESENT

Geneva, May 9.

A private meeting of the League Council, which lasted half-an-hour, adopted the agenda for the session.

The two Ethiopian delegates were unexpectedly present as observers, but did not attend the secret meeting of the Council which followed.

Lord Halifax will make a statement at to-morrow's initial public meeting regarding the Anglo-Italian Agreement, after which the question of the Spanish appeal will come before the Council.—*Reuter.*

ETHIOPIA NOT SUBDUED

London, May 9.

Emperor Haile Selassie, who is fighting to obtain continued League recognition of his claim to the Ethiopian throne, issued a statement in London to-night.

Revolts and resistance, he declared, have prevented Italy from establishing military control in at least three-fourths of the total area of Ethiopia.

Italian domination was confined to areas of a 30-mile radius around villages and towns.—*United Press.*

FRENCH ADMIRAL VISITS MACAO

Macao, May 9.

Paying a courtesy call at the port of Macao, the French sloop Dumont Duville with Vice Admiral Le Bigot, Commander-in-Chief of the French squadron, arrived from Hongkong to-day at 8 a.m. Salvos were exchanged between the visiting warship and the port, and Lieut. M. Pinto, A.D.C. to H.E. the Governor, called on board to convey the respects of the Governor.

The distinguished visitor landed at 10 a.m. and after inspecting the guard of honour made an official call on His Excellency.

A large company of the leading officials attended the luncheon given at Government House in honour of the French admiral, and H.E. Dr. Tamagnini Barbosa was among the guests of the French admiral on the Dumont Duville.

The French warship will leave for Hongkong to-morrow morning.

NEW YORK CHINESE CELEBRATE UNITY

New York, May 9.

Every Chinese business firm was closed to-day for the celebration of the unity of China and the recent Chinese victories against Japan.

Six aeroplanes, piloted by Chinese fliers, flew overhead during a monster parade by local Chinese.—*Reuter.*

Woman Smashes Baggage

Ravensdale, Wash.

Mrs. Alma Rivett Floberg, station agent here, is the only woman serving in that capacity with the Northern Pacific Railroad system. During her eight-hour shift there is only one train eastbound No. 4. Besides meeting the train and hustling baggage, Mrs. Floberg sells tickets.

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Calcutta and Straits	Sirdhana	May 10.
Haiphong, Pakhoi and Hoihow	Soochow	May 10.
Australia and Manila	Taiping	May 10.
Japan	Tango Maru	May 10.
Straits	Burdwan	May 11.
Straits and Europe via Suez (Letters and Papers) London, 14th April and London Parcels—London date, 7th April.	Carthage	May 11.
Manila	Empress of Russia	May 11.
Air Mail by "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—London date, 5th May.	**Imperial Airways Plane**	**May 11.**
Shanghai and Swatow	Ninghai	May 11.
Saigon	Pres. Doumer	May 11.
U.S.A., Honolulu and Japan (San Francisco date, 15th April)	Pres. Harrison	May 11.
Japan	Suisang	May 11.
Japan	Toba Maru	May 11.
Japan and Shanghai	Felix Roussel	May 12.
Manila	Gneisenau	May 12.
Shanghai	Tyndareus	May 12.
Japan	Bokuyo Maru	May 13.
Japan and Shanghai	Corfu	May 13.
Air Mail by "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—London date, 8th May.	**Imperial Airways Plane**	**May 13.**
Japan	Kutsang	May 13.
Straits and Manila	Memnon	May 13.
Air Mail by "Pan-American Airways Direct Service"—San Francisco date, 4th May.	**Pan-American Airways Plane**	**May 13.**
Shanghai and Swatow	Shantung	May 13.
Straits and Manila	Conte Biancamano	May 14.
Shanghai	Glenogle	May 14.
Straits	Diomed	May 17.
Calcutta and Straits	Hosang	May 16.

OUTWARD MAILS

For	Per	Date and Time
Tuesday		
Straits	Tango Maru	Tues., May 10, 3.30 p.m.
Air Mail for Wuchow, Kweiyang and Chungking by the "C.N.A.C. Airways Direct Service."	**C.N.A.C. Plane K.P.O.**	**Tues., May 10,**
	Reg.,	**May 10, 5 p.m.**
	Ord.,	**May 10, 5 p.m.**
	G.P.O.	
	Reg.,	**May 10, 5 p.m.**
	Ord.,	**May 11, 6 a.m.**
Wednesday		
Samshui and Wuchow	Kongming	Wed., May 11, 8.15 a.m.
Amoy and *Shanghai	Taiyuan	Wed., May 11, 8.30 a.m.
Kongmoon	Fook On	Wed., May 11, 10 a.m.
Shanghai, Japan and *Europe via Siberia.	Pres. Doumer	Wed., May 11, 10.30 a.m.
Haiphong	Kalgan	Wed., May 11, Noon.
Japan	Islami	Wed., May 11, 1.30 p.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	Seistan	Wed., May 11, 3 p.m.
*Swatow, Shanghai and Tientsin	Taksang	Wed., May 11, 3.30 p.m.
Air Mail for Sian, Lanchow and Chengtu etc. (via Hankow) by the "Eurasia Airways Service" (To further points by surface transport as Services permit).	**Eurasia Plane G.P.O. and K.P.O.**	**Wed., May 11.**
	Reg.,	**May 11, 4.30 p.m.**
	Ord.,	**May 11, 5 p.m.**
Sandakan	Hinsang	Wed., May 11, 5 p.m.
Manila	Pres. Harrison	Wed., May 11, 5 p.m.
Thursday		
Kongmoon	Tai Lee	Thurs., May 12, 10 a.m.
Shanghai and Japan	Carthage	Thurs., May 12, 10.30 a.m.
Saigon, Ceylon, India, East and South Africa, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles—due Marseilles, 8th June.	Felix Roussel G. P. O. & K. P. O.	Thurs., May 12.
	Reg.,	May 12, 1.45 p.m.
	Ord.,	May 12, 2.30 p.m.
Air Mail for "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—due London, 12th May.	**Imperial Airways Plane G.P.O. and K.P.O.**	**Thurs., May 12.**
	Reg.,	**May 12, 5 p.m.**
	Ord.,	**May 12, 5 p.m.**
Shanghai, Japan, Canada, U.S.A., Central and South America and *Europe via Vancouver B.C., (Parcels for Canada only)—due Vancouver B.C., 30th May and *Europe via Siberia	Emp. of Russia G.P.O. and K.P.O.	Thurs., May 12.
	Parcels,	May 12, 5 p.m.
	Reg.,	May 13, 9.15 a.m.
	Ord.,	May 13, 10 a.m.
Friday		
Shanghai and *Japan	Gneisenau	Fri., May 13, 8.30 a.m.
Formosa	Hongkong Maru	Fri., May 13, 10.30 a.m.
Swatow and *Shanghai	Kwangtung	Fri., May 13, 10.30 a.m.
Swatow, Shanghai and Tientsin	Kwaisang	Fri., May 13, 12.30 p.m.
*Swatow, Foochow and *Tientsin	Yochow	Fri., May 13, 12.30 p.m.
Straits, Ceylon, India, East and South Africa, Aden, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles—due Marseilles 10th June.	Corfu G. P. O. and K. P. O.	Fri., May 13.
	Parcels,	May 13 5 p.m.
	Reg.,	May 14, 9.45 a.m.
	Ord.,	May 14, 10.30 a.m.
Air Mail for Manila, Guam, Honolulu and U.S.A., by the "Pan-American Airways Direct Service"—due San Francisco, 21st May.	**Pan-American Airways Plane K.P.O.**	**Fri., May 13.**
	Reg.,	**May 13, 5 p.m.**
	Ord.,	**May 13, 5 p.m.**
	G.P.O.	
	Reg.,	**May 13, 5 p.m.**
	Ord.,	**May 14, 6 a.m.**
Saturday		
Shanghai	Conte Biancamano	Sat., May 14, 9.30 a.m.
Air Mail for "K.L.M. Airways Direct Service"—due Amsterdam, 24th May	**Corfu G.P.O. and K.P.O.**	**Sat., May 14.**
	Reg.,	**May 14, 9.30 a.m.**
	Ord.,	**May 14, 10 a.m.**
Straits and Calcutta	Kutsang	Sat., May 14,
	Parcels,	May 14, 11 a.m.
	Ord.,	May 14, Noon.
Hoihow, Pakhoi and Haiphong	Shantung	Sat., May 14, 5 p.m.
Air Mail for "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—due London, 22nd May.	**G. P. O. & K. P. O. Imperial Airways Plane**	**Sat., May 14.**
	Reg.,	**May 14, 5 p.m.**
	Ord.,	**May 15, Noon.**
Air Mail for Australia by "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—due Darwin, 19th May.	**G. P. O. & K. P. O. Imperial Airways Plane**	**Sat., May 14.**
	Reg.,	**May 14, 5 p.m.**
	Ord.,	**May 15, Noon.**
Sunday		
Formosa	Hongkong Maru	Sun., May 15, 9 a.m.
*Swatow, Foochow and *Tientsin	Hupeh	Sun., May 15, 9 a.m.
Swatow and Shanghai	Soochow	Sun., May 15, 9 a.m.
Tientsin	Leesang	Sun., May 15, 9 a.m.
Monday		
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	Parcels,	May 16, 5 p.m.
	Reg.,	May 17, 8.45 a.m.
	Ord.,	May 17, 9.30 a.m.

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EUGENICS REQUIRE PUBLICITY

Hongkong League Elects Officers

The necessity for more publicity with regard to the position of birth control in relation to what was actually happening in Great Britain was stressed by Mrs. P. S. Selwyn-Clarke, wife of the Director of Medical Services, at the second annual meeting of the Hongkong Eugenics League yesterday.

Hon. Mr. M. K. Lo took the chair and among those present were Prof. W. I. Gerrard, Mr. E. M. Raymond, Hon. Mr. S. and Mrs. Caine, Rev. G. K. Carpenter, Miss C. Lum, Dr. P. Ruttonjee, Dr. E. Ho Tung, Dr. E. W. Kirk, Dr. A. Woo, Mrs. G. F. Hole, Mr. W. A. Zimmern, Miss T. H. Shin, Mrs. Lum Tsai-yan, Dr. S. Y. Cheng, and Dr. L. O. Hunter.

Mr. Lo said: I did not know I was expected to say anything tonight because I felt there was really nothing for me to say in view of the very lengthy and comprehensive report you have received. I would like, however, to take this opportunity of saying a word or two as to the circumstances in which I found myself in this place.

When Prof. Nixon left Hongkong it was desirable to find another President with some technical knowledge and I was asked to fill the gap pending the appointment at this meeting. When the time comes for submitting to you the name for election, and if you adopt the recommendations of the nomination committee, I feel sure you will agree we have succeeded in finding one eminently suitable to be your Chairman for the coming year.

When I attended one or two of the executive meetings I very quickly came to realise what a tower of strength to the League Mr. Forrest had been throughout, and so when he had to leave Hongkong on furlough I confess I feel rather depressed from the point of view of this Society. But life has its compensation and soon after Mr. Forrest's departure we were overjoyed to welcome a very enthusiastic supporter of our League in the person of Mrs. Selwyn-Clarke. It is not, I think, a disclosure of anything secret when I tell you that we owe it to her that we were able to produce such an interesting report. I think I am right in saying that the whole of the report was written by her. I am very glad to announce to you that Mrs. Selwyn-Clarke has consented to act as secretary and I feel sure you will acclaim that nomination in due course.

The Chairman then proposed the adoption of the report and accounts, which was carried unanimously.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The following were elected officers:

President, Prof. W. I. Gerrard; Vice-Presidents, Hon. Mr. M. K. Lo and Dr. Arthur Woo; Secretaries, Mrs P. S. Selwyn-Clarke and Mr. Kwok Chan; Treasurers, Mr. R. A. D. Forrest and Mr. W. A. Zimmern. Executive Committee.—Mr. D. J. Sloss, Rev. G. K. Carpenter, Dr. E. Ho Tung, Mrs. G. F. Hole, Dr. L. O. Hunter, Dr. E. W. Kirk, Dr. T. Laing, Mrs. Lum Tsai-yan, Dr. J. H. Montgomery, Mr. [illegible], Mrs. Ngan Shing-kwan, Mrs. Sydney Caine, Mr. E. M. Raymond, Miss T. H. Shin, Dr. H. Talbot, Dr. A. Sydenham, Dr. L. J. Dovey, Dr. S. Y. Cheng, Dr. P. Ruttonjee, and Dr. H. Canaval.

Medical Committee.—Prof. W. I. Gerrard (Chairman); Dr. E. Ho Tung, Dr. L. O. Hunter, Dr. E. W. Kirk, Dr. D. Laing, Dr. S. Y. Cheng, Dr. L. J. Dovey, Dr. K. C. Yeo, Dr. P. Ruttonjee, Dr. Helen Canaval, Dr. J. H. Montgomery, Dr. A. Sydenham, Dr. Arthur Woo, and Dr. H. Talbot.

Finance Committee.—Mr. W. A. Zimmern (Chairman); Mr. R. M. Raymond, Mr. Kwok Chan, and Miss T. H. Shin.

Publicity Committee.—Mrs. P. S. Selwyn-Clarke (Chairman); Dr. Arthur Woo, Mrs. Lum Tsai-yan, and Mr. D. J. Sloss.

Honorary Members.—Prof. W. C. W. Nixon, Mrs. M. Sanger, Mrs. E. How-Martyn.

IMPRESSED BY IGNORANCE

Opening the discussion on the salient points of the report, Mrs. Selwyn-Clarke said she had been impressed by the general state of ignorance in Hongkong with regard to the position of birth control in relation to what was actually happening in Great Britain.

"We have tried," she said, "to get some publicity for this report in the Hongkong press, not only because the League needs far more publicity but because it does seem necessary to try and inform the citizens of Hongkong, both foreign and Chinese, of what is actually happening in Great Britain. I would like to welcome any suggestions of members of the League who have been here longer than I am as to how we could make known the circulars received from Home. I tried to summarise them by a letter to the *S. C. M. Post*, but I feel that this alone is not enough. It is a problem which I feel is worthy of tackling during the coming year.

"The other question is the very small attendance we have. We are in a most extraordinary position: we have a great deal of money which we are quite unable to spend and we have most influential people connected with this League. We have an extraordinary large amount of money to spare and yet we have a clinic with an average attendance of six, eight and 10 patients every afternoon. We have spent practically no money but we have asked Prof. Nixon in England to send us supplies which are normally used in birth control clinics at Home and these will take some of our money. Nevertheless, we are making a very poor show at the Violet Peel Health Centre every Thursday with such a small attendance. We have doctors, nurses and midwives and yet we are able to do only very little work indeed. I feel we should function to full capacity and when this is achieved we should then open further clinics in other parts of the Colony. I feel that unless we can get at least three clinics we can hardly be satisfied with the work we have here."

MEDICAL SUPPORT

Prof. Gerrard said he felt a great deal could be done if the support of the medical community could be obtained. He was not pessimistic, he said, as to the future if the League could get their help.

Mrs. Hole suggested that the League should co-operate with the St. John Ambulance Brigade, saying that it had a number of clinics in the outlying districts and if one of their nurses could be trained to do the work, tremendous good would be done.

Dr. Eva Ho Tung, of the Tsang Yuk Hospital, said although she could not speak of the Government attitude she felt that there was a great need for the work the League was undertaking. She had sent a number of cases to the League's clinic, which was in charge of Dr. Hunter.

The Chairman remarked that the League should endeavour to extend its activities during the year and he felt sure the Committee would explore all possibilities with this end in view.

Dr. Kirk and Dr. Woo associated themselves with the remarks of Prof. Gerrard. Both said they were wholeheartedly in sympathy and desirous of helping the League in any possible way. Dr. Kirk added they should be assured that the present situation of the League would be entirely altered within the next 12 months in view of the complete confidence they had in their new secretary, and such support he felt sure would come.

DEER GO ON RELIEF

Portola, Cal.

Owing to the heavy snows which prevent deer from getting their natural food supply, two herds of 1,000 animals each are being fed by contributions taken up by sportsmen here, at Reno and the Nevada side of the state line generally.

STOCK MARKET REPORT

The Hongkong Stock Exchange official summary, issued at 3.15 p.m. yesterday, reads:

The market remained quiet.

Buyers

H.K. Steamboats $22½
Providents (Old) $3.05
Providents (New) $3.05
Venz. Goldfield $2.60
H. & S. Hotels $7.35
H.K. Lands $37
H.K. Lands 4% Debentures $101
Humphreys $0.15
H.K. Realties $5.90
H.K. Tramways $17.20
Peak Trams (Old) $7
Star Ferries $56½
Yaumati Ferries $24½
China Lights (Old) $12.40
China Lights (New) $9.20
Macao Electrics $17½
Telephones (Old) $27.00
Wing On (H.K.) $50
Wing On Textiles $45
Entertainments $8.60
Constructions $1½
Marsmans (H.K.) 4/3

Sellers

Raubs $0½
China Lights (Old) $12.45

Sales

Union Insurance $527
H.K. & K. Wharves $130
Providents (Old) $4
Providents (New) $3.02½/05
H. & S. Hotels $7.35/45
H.K. Realties $5½/0
H.K. Tramways $17¼
Star Ferries $57
China Lights (Old) $12½
Telephones (Old) $27.50/28
Dairy Farms $23½
Watsons $0½
Marmans (H.K.) 4/0
Antimoks Pa. .40
Coco Grove .54
I. X. L. .65
San Mauricio .45
Suyoc Consol. .17

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New York Cotton

	New York, May 9. Opening	Closing
May	———	8.02/02
July	8.03 /01	8.07/07
Oct.	8.03 /02	8.08/08
Dec.	8.06 /06	8.71/71
Jan. (1939) ..	8.68b/69a	8.71/71
Mar. (1939) ..	8.74 /74	8.77/78
Spot		8.07

The Last Notice Day for May Cotton is May 13.

New York Rubber

May	———	11.76 N
July	11.70b/83a	11.83/83
Sept.	11.96 /96	12.00/00
Dec.	12.16 /12	12.16/18
Mar.	———	12.32 N

Sales for the day:—2,620 tons.

The Last Notice Day for May Rubber is May 26.

Chicago Wheat

May	———	80⅜/80½
July	79⅜/79¼	78⅝/78¼
Sept.	79⅞/79⅞	79⅛/19

Saturday's Sales:—
11,535,000 bushels.

The Last Notice Day for May Grains is May 26.

Chicago Corn

May	———	57⅛/57⅞
July	59⅜/59¼	58⅞/58¾
Sept.	60⅛/60⅛	59⅝/59⅝

Winnipeg Wheat

May ...	117⅜/117¼	116⅝/116⅝
July ...	109⅛/109⅛	107⅞/107⅞
Oct. ...	88⅜/ 88⅛	87⅞/ 87⅞

The Last Notice Day for May Winnipeg Wheat is May 31.

Women's Feet Are Growing

St. Louis.

Women's feet are getting larger. Records of a large shoe manufacturing company here revealed that the average size of woman's shoes has increased more than a full size in the last decade. Stylists said the increase is due partly to the trend toward more comfortable clothing, but principally because modern women were better fitted when children.

THE TORTURED MILLIONAIRE

(Continued from Page 6.)

His genius for utilising all he heard was astonishing.

No One Could Bamboozle Him

Every day his secretaries fed the blind chief with thousands of facts. They emerged as articles, directions for the running of the business, cables to editors.

He developed a more acute sense of judgment over the men he talked with than when he had his sight.

NO one could bamboozle him. He would pull a letter out of his pocket and ask his companion to read it. One never knew what was behind these requests. He was often trying to find out whether a previous person who had read the letter to him was keeping something back or not.

He would detect the least variation or uneasiness in your voice, and then take cunning steps to verify what you had said.

For thirty-four years Pulitzer's life went on like this. New generations of secretaries worked at the task to drugging his unresting brain with ever new doses of facts.

They were pumping facts into him until just seven hours before, On October 29, 1911, the tortured millionaire closed his eyes for the last time.

TOY BALLOONS TRAVEL FAR

Tyler, Tex.

Kenneth U. Howard, 12, released several toy balloons filled with natural gas in a strong southwest wind. The balloons bore his name and address. A schoolgirl at Boyd's Creek, Tenn., 700 miles away, wrote to Kenneth that she found one of the balloons two days after their release.

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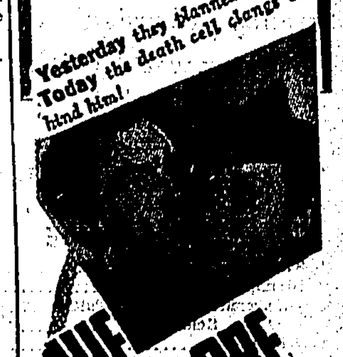

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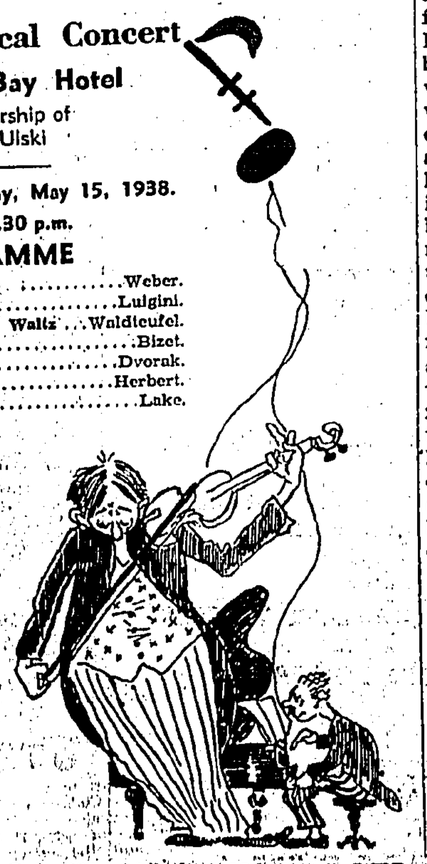

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TUESDAY, MAY 10, 1938.

"CONSOLIDATE YOUR GAINS"

The latest developments in the European sphere leaves the mind groping for the real intentions of the powers, dismayed by the inconsistencies of diplomacy and altogether uncertain of the future trend. But taking the situation as a whole there are one or two hopeful aspects; indications of a changing mental attitude which may encourage the exponents of peaceful policy. Since the German occupation of Austria and the delicate balance which resulted, there has been a general retreat from violence and an apparently genuine attempt on the part of one "belligerent" nation to reach a compromise with a suspected rival. Italy has signed an agreement with Great Britain, and for the first time in years these two nations are on terms which do not cause misgivings. But the agreement was only won at the cost of a retreat from the moral stand taken by Great Britain, and to many is unsatisfactory for that reason. Yesterday despatches from Europe told of Lord Halifax having failed to win unanimous recognition at Geneva for Italian sovereignty in Ethiopia. When it is remembered that there were many who would have had Britain go to war to prevent the Italian occupation of this territory, the attitude of the Government is a little disconcerting. Had the intervening developments not been known to an observer he must have been dumfounded by this actually astonishing change of policy. And, it must be said, he probably would have been not a little shocked had he been an Englishman. However, the word of the Chamberlain administration must be taken that the present attitude is for the best. And indeed, if by recognising the presence of a stone wall a nation can avoid butting its head against it, the course is probably wise.

In the later developments in Europe the immediate effect of this changed British attitude is seen. Signor Mussolini is trying to discourage Herr Hitler from any course which will involve the use of force in correcting the Czecho-Slovakian minority trouble; or so despatches indicate. Signor Mussolini is apparently offering certain inducements, such as diplomatic support for German aims, if Germany steers away from war in Eastern Europe. Such an attitude is not in keeping with what British people have been led to expect from Italy, but if Britain can change her tune, so can the fiddlers of Rome. And if it is less martial, so much the better. So it is hardly fair to charge the diplomats of these two countries with inconsistencies when, had they stubbornly stuck to their discords, someone probably would have been driven to violent measures.

Granted that there has been this much progress towards appeasement, the time has not yet come when British people can sit back with folded hands and "let matters take their course". There are still large and grave problems to be faced and decided. The Czecho-Slovakian quarrel is only one; the Spanish affair is another; the Polish-Lithuanian dispute and the whole of the Eastern European scene require careful watching. Britain, and other nations who seek to keep the peace for themselves and for others, must be alert to lend what aid they can to statesmen everywhere who are trying to extricate their affairs out of the tangle which wars, treaties and depressions have created. The League of Nations, even its warmest adherents admit, is virtually helpless now. It is for individual Governments to act; and they must act without confusing issues and, if possible, without injuring anyone's feelings. If past experience causes a little apprehensiveness on the part of lesser powers—and they have some cause for alarm—it can only be hoped that their just claims will be respected. For if Europe has progressed towards some sort of permanent understanding it would be a criminal thing to relax the efforts which have brought even these trivial tangible results.

THE TORTURED MILLIONAIRE

By JOHN HAMPDEN

I HAVE just finished reading the life story of a millionaire with whom no beggar in the gutter would want to change places.

The name of the millionaire was Joseph Pulitzer. His strange life of suffering is told in a fine book, **"An Adventure With a Genius,"** by Alleyne Ireland, just published by Lovat Dickson (*7s. 6d.*).

Pulitzer was a man who achieved world fame as a newspaper publisher.

Afflicted In His Prime

He was the real founder of modern journalism. His newspapers, the *St. Louis Post Dispatch* and the *New York World*, cried abroad new ideas and new principles which outdated the dull columns of their contemporaries.

Instead of flattering the politicians they criticised them. They exposed corruption, they fought furious campaigns for public reforms.

BUT though Pulitzer became a millionaire and a world figure through his papers, fate took away with one hand what she gave with the other.

In the first place, Pulitzer developed a terrible nervous malady which made the slightest sound a torture to him.

In the second place, he became blind.

These afflictions struck him in the prime of life.

One day he found he could hardly read the proofs put before

JOSEPH PULITZER

"Retired from the world a blind man . . . nerves wrecked."

him. He thought it was indigestion.

An oculist told him that he had burst a blood vessel in one eye.

It developed into the separation of the retina of both eyes.

Pulitzer retired from the world, a blind man with wrecked nerves. He lived in strange sound proof houses in New York, London, Mentone and in his yacht.

Many people forgot he was alive.

His nervous affliction coloured his whole life.

PICTURE him as he drifts about the seas at a snail's pace in his yacht Liberty, suffering.

Every noise pierces his inmost being as if with red-hot irons. Meal times are a torture to him.

The pleasant tinkle of a spoon against a saucer makes him wince like a dog threatened with a whip.

The gurgle of water poured into a glass, the striking of a match, send a pang right through his body.

He turns pale and breaks into a cold perspiration at some sound which to most people would have been scarely audible.

Aroused By Footstep

Every one in the yacht must wear rubber-soled shoes, because the scraping of leather sets his teeth on edge. The part of the deck under which he sleeps is roped off because a solitary footfall will ruin his night.

Each door which gives access to the rooms above his cabin has a little brass plate. On the plate is cut a legend: "This door must not be opened when Mr. Pulitzer is asleep."

Once almonds suddenly disappear from the dessert at dinner. The chief steward hesitatingly confesses to an inquirer that Mr. Pulitzer cannot endure the sound of an almond being snapped in half.

HE had the greatest difficulty in sleeping. A curious ceremony was performed each day after lunch. Mr. Pulitzer would put on his pyjamas or perhaps merely take off his coat and shoes and lie down.

A secretary, one of the obedient throng, would be summoned to read him some play or book.

At a certain point Pulitzer would say, "Softly." Then after a little, "Quite softly." This was a sign that Pulitzer was going off into a doze.

Lulled To Sleep By A Mumble

The secretary would then make the words more and more indistinct until he sank into a kind of mumble. This mumble was very difficult to acquire, and new secretaries had agonies in learning it.

The mumbler would keep Mr. Pulitzer in a state of dozing. The secretary could read a novel or whatever he liked so long as he kept up this noise with his lips—and he might have to do it for hours on end.

The slightest change in the pitch of voice, a sneeze or a cough, would awaken Mr. Pulitzer with a start, and an unpleasant quarter of an hour would follow.

EVERY door in his houses in London, New York and Mentone shut automatically and silently and was draped with heavy curtains to prevent the slightest noise from filtering through.

His bedroom in New York was unique.

Although his bedroom appeared to form part of the house it did not in fact do so. It stood upon its own foundation and was connected with the main structure by some ingenious device which isolated it from all vibrations originating there.

It was of the most solid construction and had but one window, a very large affair consisting of three casements set one inside the other, and provided with heavy plate glass.

This triple window was never opened when Mr. Pulitzer was in the room, the ventilation being secured by means of fans situated in a long masonry shaft whose interior opening was in the chimney and whose exterior opening was far enough away to forbid the passage of any sound in the streets.

Noise-Proof Bedroom

At intervals inside this shaft were placed frames with silk threads drawn across them for the purpose of absorbing any faint vibrations which might find their way in.

In this bedroom, with its triple window and its heavy double door closed, Pulitzer enjoyed as near approach to perfect quietness as it was possible to obtain in New York.

CHOOSING an hotel in which he could bear to stay was a heavy task.

A secretary would inspect half a dozen before settling on one. He would have to spend two or three hours in each, finding out certain things, for experience had proved that hotel managers' assurances were not to be trusted.

He must find out not only whether there were any noisy guests, whether the windows rattled, whether the floor creaked

Even the route from the station had to be carefully considered. A trial run was made in a car. If the route followed a tramline, if it went by a noisy spot like a children's playground, if it passed over a rough piece of road, the whole route had to be revised.

THE extraordinary thing is that with his blindness, with his wretched health, with his almost maniacal nervous affection, Mr. Pulitzer was one of the greatest workers the world has ever seen.

He kept five or six secretaries on the run the whole time. They were necessary to keep him informed of the progress of his papers and of every world event. But they were also necessary because *Mr. Pulitzer could not bear to be left to himself for a minute. Some one must be talking to him all the time.*

Endless Meal Of Facts

All the seen world was cut off from Pulitzer. His secretaries must be his eyes, must tell him of everything, must re-create the whole world for him.

He took each of them in turn to talk to him. If they stopped for even a minute his nerves were all a-jangle.

And not light talk either. Pulitzer demanded an endless meal of fine chopped facts. Facts about the news, the arts, the world, politics, plays, and others—anything so long as they talked.

The secretaries would work from early in the morning until late at night to prepare for their talks with their chief.

Some would be reading through the mountains of Press cuttings which were sent after him from America. Some would be picking "human items" out of the newspapers to provide him with topics of conversation.

Some marked passages in magazines to read out to him. Some would even be reading novels to relate the plot to him.

EACH secretary would go tremblingly on duty to the task of informing or amusing Mr. Pulitzer. He would wolf up the meal they offered him. They feverishly looked in their pockets to see if they could not find another cutting to read to Mr. Pulitzer. Silence. Then——

"No, no. Don't let us stop talking or reading," Pulitzer would cry. "I must have something to occupy my mind all the time no matter how exhausted I am."

If he was bored with the fare provided he would suddenly say: "My God, is there much more of this?"

A Patient Listener

Then the secretary would have to bring his story to a hasty conclusion and retire in disgrace, leaving another to take on the Herculean task of amusing Mr. Pulitzer.

If he was interested—his interest was endless.

He would patiently listen while some one told him the whole plot of a play of Shakespeare. When they had finished he would ask them the plot of another play, and so on, far into the night.

When they had exhausted their repertoire, he would ask them if they had read Shakespeare's sonnets.

SOMETIMES Mr. Pulitzer would want to laugh. Then they would get a whole year's file of comic papers, read them through in the small hours of the morning and serve up the dish to Mr. Pulitzer next day.

One secretary had a box containing hundreds of funny stories in his cabin. He would take out a handful and slip them in his pocket whenever he was summoned to attend the great man.

But they had to be careful to tell Mr. Pulitzer nothing that was too funny. In his disordered state of nerves loud laughter caused him acute pain.

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GRIN AND BEAR IT By Lichty

"Why shouldn't he mope? Let him run away from home and get a flea like any other dog!"

P. C. ACCUSED OF WIFE-MURDER

ALLEGED TO HAVE PROPOSED TO GIRL

Dramatic Evidence In Court Hearing

A GIRL went into the witness-box at South-Western Police Court recently and declared that the man in the dock—Police Constable William Teasdale (32), of Voltaire Road, Clapham, who is charged with the murder of his wife Ruby, had proposed marriage to her.

The girl, Miss Dorothy Maude Boud, a secretary, of Cambridge Street, Victoria, said she met Teasdale at the beginning of this year and knew him as a single man. She had met him on numerous occasions since the introduction.

He proposed marriage on February 24 and she accepted him. The date of the marriage was fixed for May 28.

On March 3 she and Teasdale went to the Victoria Palace.

When they got to the lobby of the theatre a woman spoke to her. She did not know the woman at that time, but now knew her to be Mrs. Teasdale.

Mr. Vincent Evans (prosecuting): What did she say to you?—She touched me on the arm and said: "Are you with him?" I replied, "Yes." She said, "Do you know he is a married man and I am his wife, and he has a baby?"

Did you make any answer to that?—I cannot remember if I did. I was too dazed. He turned to her and said, "Don't be silly," and to me he said, "Come along, darling."

"NOT MARRIED"

Did you make any reference to him as to what had occurred while you were in the theatre?—He asked me if I believed it. I do not remember very much about it. I know I wanted to get out and we left at the first interval.

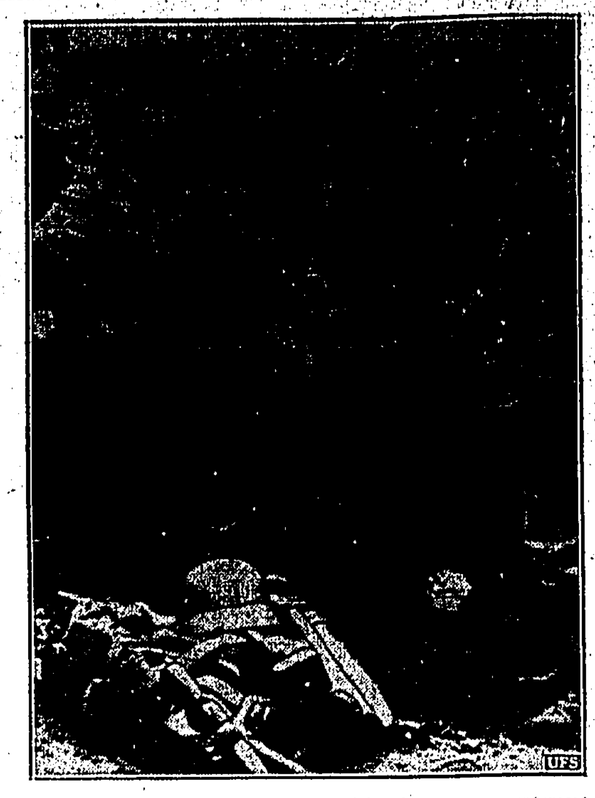
Miss Boud said that Teasdale accompanied her home and remained until 2.30 a.m. discussing the matter.

"I asked if it was true that he was married and he said: 'No,'" she said.

After consulting Teasdale, Mr. David Rapoport (defending) said that he did not propose to cross-examine Miss Boud.

Sir Bernard Spilsbury gave evidence that death was due to asphyxia caused by strangulation by hand. Mrs. Teasdale was an expectant mother.

Teasdale was remanded for a week.



Relieving themselves of the weight of heavy war equipment, young Nazi soldiers arriving in Vienna dropped helmets, trench knives and other material in a pile and then greeted the Austrians who inspected their new masters. This scene was duplicated hundreds of times after the annexation of Austria by the Germans.

OCEAN BED TO BE EXPLORED

Piccard's Plan To Descend 15,000 Ft.

Brussels.

Prof. Piccard, of Brussels University, who gained fame by his balloon ascents into the stratosphere, is now planning to explore the bed of the ocean.

Dr. William Beebe, an American scientist, has already worked at a depth of 3,000 feet in a bathysphere attached to a cable. Prof. Piccard hopes to reach a depth of 15,000 feet.

Explaining his plans to-day, Prof. Piccard said he would have a bathysphere unattached to any cable. The bathysphere will be supported in the water by a cylinder containing paraffin. Ballast will be fixed underneath. It will consist of small steel shot, and will be controlled by magnetism.

PHOTOGRAPHING FISH

As the bathysphere will be lighter than water, it will be weighted with the ballast for the descent. Prof. Piccard thinks that an hour and a half will be necessary to reach a depth of 15,000ft.

Pressure of the water will keep the bathysphere at this depth, use being made of the ballast when necessary. Exploration could be made with the help of the ocean currents. Fish could be photographed in this region of total darkness with the aid of artificial light.

Experiments for a year are contemplated to select the most suitable metal for the sphere and the type and strength of the glass for the windows.

The first descent will probably be made in the Lake of Geneva. Later there will be others off the Canary Islands, where the sea has a depth of 18,000 feet. Prof. Piccard will be accompanied by a biologist. He will himself act as pilot.

The National Fund for Scientific Research is assisting in the undertaking.

She Kept Guns In Memory

Versailles.

Mme. Marie Beaudoin, seventy-four-year-old widow, in whose home were found two German machine-guns, which she said she kept in memory of her airman son, killed in the great war, was fined 1s. 8d. by a Versailles court.

The guns were confiscated.

Mme. Beaudoin, weeping, told how her two sons died in the war. The airman's son's officer gave her the guns as souvenirs of his bravery, she said.

AUTHOR DEFENDS HIS BOOK ON STANLEY

Photographs And Letters To Back His Claim

A 71-year-old London housekeeper—William Hoffmann—has written a remarkable account of his adventures with H. M. Stanley on the famous expedition across Africa for the relief and rescue of Emin Pasha in 1887-1889.

Mr. Hoffmann believes he is the sole survivor of that heroic enterprise to save the last representative of Egyptian rule to hold out against the Mahdist forces.

Doubt on this story entitled "With Stanley in Africa" and published by Cassell and Co., Ltd., has been thrown by a review published in a weekly periodical.

It declares that the name of William Hoffmann, who is described by the publishers as Stanley's personal servant, bodyguard and his closest friend, nowhere appears in the gigantic record of the expedition left by Stanley.

It also draws attention to some discrepancies in dates.

"GIVEN TO ME"

A *New Chronicle* reporter saw Mr. Hoffmann in his flat over the offices of which he has been housekeeper since 1902.

On the wall were two photographs—one of Stanley signed by himself and one of Lady Stanley signed by her.

From a faded leather case Mr. Hoffmann took a silver medal struck by the Royal Geographical Society for members of the Emn Pasha Relief Expedition. His name was engraved on the back.

"That was given to me by Stanley himself," said Mr. Hoffmann.

Letters from Stanley and Lady Stanley to Mr. Hoffmann were also produced. Those from Stanley, which were couched in affectionate terms, began "My Dear William" and expressed solicitude for his welfare.

Mr. Hoffmann has also preserved a letter from H. H. Johnston written in 1904, in which appears the sentence: "The late Sir Henry Stanley frequently mentioned to me in conversation your services to him in that journey across Africa."

WENT TO BERLIN

Mr. Hoffmann described to the *News Chronicle* how Stanley left him £300 in his will with the words: "To William Hoffmann, now sous-Lieutenant in the Congo State Services, the sum of £300 as an expression of my esteem and admiration for his continued services in Africa."

"I was introduced to Mr. Stanley at a London hotel in 1884, when I was 15," said Mr. Hoffmann. "He asked me to be his servant. I spoke French and German well and he thought this would be of service to him. I went to the Berlin Conference with him and to America on a lecture tour. Later I accompanied him on the Emin Pasha Expedition.

"After I left him I obtained an appointment with the Belgian Government in the Congo on his recommendation."

Mr. Hoffmann has documents proving these facts.

Asked why he had not written the book until now, he said: "Last year I was very ill, and thought I would put these things on record. If there are discrepancies they have arisen through poor memory or lack of care in writing or typing."

DRANK 60 BOTTLES OF WINE

INQUEST ON MAN AND INDIAN WIFE

A man and wife who died on successive days were stated at a Paddington inquest to have drunk 60 bottles of "red biddy," a cheap "wine," in a week.

The inquest was on the wife, Mrs. Romala Connell (35), an Indian, living at Lupus Street.

Sir Bernard Spilsbury said the cause of death was a granulo cytosis, a disease which was recently found to be due to the taking of the drug pyramidon.

The coroner, Mr. Ingleby Oddie, recorded an open verdict.

Princess Sudhira Mander, of Maida Hill, W., said that she was sure Mrs. Connell, her niece, did not take drugs.

"FIND" AT FLAT

The coroner's officer said that at the woman's flat he found 18 empty methylated spirit bottles, and he was told by the landlady that the Connells had drunk as many as sixty bottles a week of "red biddy."

Methylated spirit, he said, was often drunk in conjunction with this wine.

Mr. Oddie stated that there was no evidence that the woman had taken pyramidon.

It was possible he added, that the drinking by Mr. and Mrs. Connell of "red biddy" might have produced the disease.

["Red Biddy" is a concoction of cheap red wine and methylated spirit, the latter added to make it more potent. At a meeting of the Medical Society of London it was described as "Devil's broth from the witches' cauldron."]

SCOTT FILM NOT TO BE REMADE

Widow's Objection

Plans to remake the film of Capt. Scott's last journey to the South Pole have been dropped because of the opposition of his widow, now Lady Kennet.

The Gainsborough Picture Corporation approached the controllers of the official silent film, made by Mr. H. G. Ponting. They agreed, on one condition, to the silent film, with dialogue added to certain scenes, being incorporated in a new production.

The condition was that all concerned, or their relatives, should give consent. Lady Kennet refused. "I understand that Adml. Sir Edward Evans, who was second in command of Capt. Scott's expedition, urged that the film could do no harm, but Lady Kennet held to her decision that no new film should be made in her lifetime.

She has a feeling that the tragedy of Capt. Scott's end might be over-dramatised.

FORGOT REMINDER TO REMEMBER

GLEN HOUGHLAND, staying in an hotel in Toledo, Ohio, put a money belt containing £32 under his pillow.

Before he went to sleep he wrote a memorandum to himself reminding himself where he put the money.

He remembered the next day that he had forgotten to remember the note which would have reminded him not to forget the money, and phoned the hotel.

But some one had noted the reminder and taken the £32.

DOCTORS WARN BLONDES

Blondes, beware! For rheumatism will get you if you don't watch out.

So says a famous Harley-street surgeon who told a London newspaper that his research had proved

(a) Fair-haired people stand much more chance of becoming rheumatic than brunettes.

(b) Unhappiness is one of the main causes.

DOCTORS WORRIED

He will tell his theories to the International Congress on Rheumatism which meets at Oxford soon.

Medical authorities are getting very worried about the scourge.

It costs Britain £25,000,000 a year, and 40,000 die annually from the heart disease it causes.

FRANCE VOTES £50,000 FOR THE ROYAL VISIT

Paris.

Amid great applause, the Chamber of Deputies to-night unanimously voted a special grant of 8,000,000fcs. (£50,000) for the reception and entertainment of the King and Queen when they visit Paris in June.

M. Paul-Boncour, Foreign Minister, said that the Government would make preparations "to receive King George VI. and his Queen with all the splendour that is due to them and to the friendship that links our countries."

Vegetarian Eases Conscience

Astoria, Ore.

A conscience-stricken vegetarian recently sent $1 to the manager of a store here for edibles which he "snitched." In the same letter he explained, "I have had many chances to nibble a few grapes, a stray carrot, or a prune that was near the edge of a box of produce consigned to your company" while working for a Portland transport company.

RADIO BROADCAST

The BBC Recording Of "Monsieur Beaucdire"

LONDON RELAYS

Radio Programme Broadcast by ZBW on Frequencies of 845 K.c's. 9.52 m.c's. per second.

H.K.T.

12.0—12.20 p.m. Relay of Service of Intercession from St. John's Cathedral.

12.30 Songs by Percy Heming (Baritone).

Hatfield Bells (Easthope Martin); Crown Of The Year (Easthope Martin); (a) Fairings; (b) Come To The Fair. ('Songs of the Fair'—Easthope Martin); (a) Jock The Fiddler; (b) The Ballad-Monger ('Songs of the Fair'—Easthope Martin).

12.44 Compositions of Sir Edward German.

"Merrie England"—Selection..... New Symphony Orchestra cond. by Dr. Malcolm Sargent; "Henry VIII" Dances; Shepherd's Dance; Morris Dance; Torch Dance.....New Symphony Orchestra cond. by Dr. Malcolm Sargent.

1.0 Local Time Signal and Weather Report.

1.03 New Dance Records.

Fox-Trots—The Popcorn Man (Will Hudson); Reckless Night On Board An Ocean Liner (R. Scott)....Ray Ventura and His Collegians; Have You Got Any Castles, Baby? (From 'Variety Show); I Double Dare You (Shand and Eaton)....Carroll Gibbons (Piano) and His Boy Friends.

1.15 Reuter and Rugby Press, Weather Forecast and Announcements.

1.25 Musical Comedy Selections.

Musical Comedy Marches....Light Opera Company; Gems From "No, No, Nanette" (Vincent Youmans); Gems From "Rose-Marie" (R. Friml) ....Light Opera Company.

1.40 Rotary Tiffin Speech relayed from the Roof Garden of the Hong Kong Hotel.

2.15 Close Down.

6.0 Lucienne Boyer (Soprano) and Orchestra Mascotte.

Wiener Burger—Waltz (Ziehrer) ....Orchestra; Idylle Passionelle—Waltz (Georges Ruzigade); Souvenir De Mona Lisa—Waltz (J. Schebek) ....Orchestra; Ta Main—(Hands Across The Table)....Chanson; Mon Ami Le Vent—Chanson....Lucienne Boyer; Waltzes Of The World—Potpourri (arr. Carl Robrecht).... Orchestra; Viens Danser Quand Meme (Jamblan and Delettre).... ....Lucienne Boyer; After The Ball —Waltz (Harris); Songs D'Automne —Waltz (Joyce)....Orchestra.

6.30 Variety Programme — Vocal and Instrumental.

Orchestra—Out Of The Rag Bag—Medley....Harry Roy and His Orch. from 'The Mayfair Hotel; Vocal—Nothing's Blue But The Sky (Newman—Spina); I'll Bet You Tell That To All The Boys (Tobias—Stept).... Len Bermon with Orch.; Piano Solo—Streamline—Piano Selection (Ellis); Streamline—The First Waltz (Ellis).....Vivian Ellis (Piano); Orchestra—You Never Looked So Beautiful (From 'The Great Zeigfeld'); You (From 'The Great Ziegfeld')....Jimmy Dorsey and His Orchestra; Vocal—I'm A Fool For Loving You (Lewis and Wendling); Au Revoir (J. G. Gilbert)....Turner Layton; Piano Duet with String Bass and Drums—Rumbas On Toast.... Arthur Young And Reginald Forcsythe.

7.13 Closing local Stock Quotations.

7.15 London Relay—'Detectives In Fiction.'

The second of a series of dramatised detective stories. Each programme in this series will deal with a different detective in fiction whose exploits have made him famous. No. 2—Hercule Poirot 'The Incredible Theft'; from the story of Agatha Christie. Adapted and produced by Leslie Stokes.

7.55 Musical Interlude.

"Toad Of Toad Hall"—Selection (H. Fraser-Simon)....New Mayfair Orchestra with vocalists.

8.0 Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.

8.03 G. Charpentier—Impressions D'Italie.

Played by Orchestre Symphonique sous la direction de Gustave Charpentier.

8.26 Alfred Cortot at the Piano.

Impromptu No. 1 In A Flat Major, Op. 29 (Chopin); Impromptu No. 2 In F Sharp Major, Op. 36 (Chopin); Fantaisie Impromptu In C Sharp Minor, Op. 66 (Oeuvre Posthume) (Chopin).

8.38 Lina Pagliughi (Soprano) and Jussi Bjorling (Tenor) in selections from Opera.

I Puritani—"Qui la voce tua soave" (Bellini)....Lina Pagliughi; O Paradiso!—"L'Africana"—Act 4 (Scribe—Meyerbeer); Cielo E Mar! —"La Gioconda"—Act 2 (Boito—Ponchielli)....Jussi Bjorling; Rigoletto—Gilda's Aria: 'Caro nome' (Verdi); Mignon—"Io son Titania' (Thomas)....Lina Pagliughi; Recondita Armonia—"Tosca"—Act. 1. (Giacosa — Illica — Puccini....Jussi Bjorling.

9.0 London Relay—'Escape'—3.

First-hand accounts by Prisoners of War. 'Through the Camp Sewer'. A talk by Ernest Pearce.

9.30 London Relay—The News.

9.50 B.B.C. Recording — "Monsieur Beaucaire."

A musical play adapted for Broadcasting from Booth Tarkington's novel and the light opera libretto by Frederick Lonsdale, by Gordon McConnel.

Lyrics by Adrian Ross; Music by Andre Messager; Produced by Gordon McConnel and Rex. Haworth.

11.0 Close Down.

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VILLAGERS REPORT MASSACRE

Terrible Reprisals For Raid Near Macao

Macao, May 9.

A large number of women and children who reached Macao this morning from Pak Chiu, on the western banks of the Broadway, and some 20 miles from Macao, tell of a massacre by the Japanese of at least 2,000 villagers during the last two weeks.

A number of men from a few places in Pak Chiu, which is a minor division of Chungshan district, carried out a raid on the Japanese at San Cho Island, in conjunction with some of the villagers of San Cho Island itself, resulting in the loss of the lives of some Japanese soldiers.

As a reprisal, the Japanese bombing the villages in all parts of Pak Chiu as well as firing on them from aeroplanes, followed by shelling by warships. This was followed by a landing on some of the islands. The Japanese forced the people to carry loads and do other work for them, the Chinese being invariably shot in cold blood at the end of each day's labour.

Some of the people managed to hide from their persecutors and have sought refuge in Macao.—*Our Own Correspondent.*

INSURGENTS ADVANCE

Canadians Captured In Fighting

Hendaye, May 8.

The Insurgent command reports that motorised troops drove a double-pronged attack down the coast to within 23 miles of Castellon de la Plana. The reports state that troops under General Aranda trapped two companies of Loyalists and a section of the International Brigade, taking 460 prisoners, most of whom were new Canadian volunteers.

The Insurgents were entrenched along the rocky river bed of the Rambla de Seguer, thus encircling the companies. It is said that General Aranda has reached the outskirts of Torreblanca, with the result that the Insurgents now hold a 52-mile strip of the coast.

Fighting ankle deep in mud the Insurgents to the south of Morella continued the drive to break the eastern wall of the Loyalist salient.—*United Press.*

LOYALIST SUCCESS

Madrid, May 8.

A Loyalist war bulletin issued last night states that the Loyalists occupied several enemy positions north of Cuova yesterday, capturing much war material and making numerous prisoners.

The enemy counter-attacks in the Morella sector were repulsed. An Insurgent aeroplane was shot down and was destroyed by fire within the Loyalist lines. The pilot was killed.—*Press Cenes.*

400,000 CHINESE MASS FOR BATTLE

Japanese Headquarters, May, 9.

Four hundred thousand Chinese troops to-day are massed north of the Chinese "Hindenburg Line" area along the Lunghai Railway in preparation for the crucial battle for the possession of Hsuchow, Japanese intelligence officers estimate.

The disposition of this vast manpower is reported as follows:—North-west of Hsuchow 53,000 men, near Kinsiang, south of Tsining in south-western Shantung, 34,000 men. In the Pihsien and Taierhwang area, on the Shantung-Kiangsu border, 24 divisions.

Among the latter, 14 are under the command of Gen. Tang En-po, the remainder all being Central troops.—*Domei.*

TOWARDS LUNGHAI

Hankow, May 9.

Chinese military authorities admit advances by Japanese columns striking towards the Lunghai Railway from the south. Japanese troops operating in the north-west across country from Pengpu reached the north gate of Nenchen, 45 miles north-west of Fengpu, about noon to-day, according to Chinese reports. The intention of these troops evidently is to push on to Pochow (Possien) just south of the Anhwei-Honan border and from there drive north to cut the Lunghai Railway at Kweiteh, which is about 100 miles west of Hsuchow. Fighting is now taking place as the Chinese try to prevent the Japanese from capturing Mengchen.

A Japanese column advancing northward near the coast of Kiangsu is also making progress. After occupying Fuling the Japanese sent a detachment westward in the direction of Tolienshui. Its objective is believed to be Hwaiying on the Grand Canal.—*Reuter.*

JAPANESE ADVANCE CHECKED

Hofei, May 9.

Striking back at the advancing invaders, the Chinese forces removed the Japanese threat on Hofei by retaking Hsiakochen, six miles north of Tsaohsien, to-day.

Hsiakochen is the second important town on the Tsaohsien-Hofei highway recaptured by the Chinese forces in two days. The other strategic point, Tokno, about three miles north-east of Hsiakochen, was retaken from the Japanese yesterday.—*Central News.*

CO-EDS FAVOUR SHORT SKIRTS

San Jose, Cal.

A campus fashion survey at San Jose State College on the question of skirts revealed that co-eds are almost unanimously in favour of short skirts and the men in favour of longer ones.

As I See Sport — By "Abe"

STAGE ALL SET FOR DRAMATIC TENNIS FINAL

Who Will Win? The Tsuis Or The Rumjahn Cousins

EVER since that memorable match in 1936 when the Tsui brothers defeated the Rumjahn cousins in the third round of the Colony tennis doubles championship, many have wondered what the result of a return encounter would be. In the two years which have elapsed since that day, the two pairs have never met in the open championship; the Rumjahns entered again as usual last year but Tsui Wai-pui was away in Europe representing China in the Davis Cup competition. It is inevitable, though, that so long as the Rumjahns and the Tsuis remain in the forefront of local tennis they are bound to clash sooner or later. That moment has now arrived: the two pairs meet this afternoon on the sandcourt of the Hongkong Cricket Club to contest the final of the 1938 doubles championship. It is fitting also that such a momentous encounter should be in the final, for the two pairs are head and shoulders above any other combination in the Colony.

A Blood Match

MORE than ordinary interest is attached to the encounter because it is a "blood" match. On one side will be the cousins, whose supremacy in the doubles game during the last 13 years has only once been successfully challenged, determined to proved that their defeat by the Chinese was only a temporary lapse; and on the other will the brothers out to show that their 1936 success was no flash in the pan. The stage is set for a dramatic struggle. If events turn out as one is entitled to expect, then a first-class game should be seen this afternoon. The Tsuis beat the Rumjahns in the third round in 1936 by 6-2, 5-7, 6-4, but to-day's match will be over five sets—an entirely different proposition altogether. The Rumjahns have proved time and again that over a five-set match they are very difficult to beat, and I think the Tsuis will find this equally true to-day. To my mind, the Rumjahns have a better chance of beating the brothers over five sets than over three; but the cousins' advantage in this respect is counterbalanced by the great improvement shown by the young Tsui, whose marathon struggle against "H.D." has stamped him as a very promising player indeed. Taking everything into consideration, the two pairs seem very well-matched. The Chinese have youth and power of stroking in their favour; against these, the Rumjahns have experience and a ripe understanding. In a match in which two such pairs are in opposition, it would take a bold man to prophesy the result. Many people have expressed the view that the Chinese should win, contending that Tsui Wai-pui will prove himself the deciding factor. I am inclined to agree that the Tsuis will win if both of them produce their best form; but the Rumjahns demonstrated against Willie Hung and E.C. Fincher recently that there is still plenty of life in the old dogs yet, and any perceptible weakening on the part of the Chinese may give them the opportunity for which they have been looking.

A Quick Slide

CHAMPIONS of the First Division last season; now to be relegated to the Second Division. Such is the unhappy experience of Manchester City in the English Football League—an experience almost unparalleled in the history of the competition. Seldom before, if ever, has a club made such a rapid descent. Accompanying the City down to the Second Division are West Bromwich Albion, who regained their senior status in 1931 after being relegated in 1927. It is when we see First Division teams suffering from ignominies of the description now being experienced by Manchester City that we feel like doffing our hats to the Arsenal who, despite injuries and all other ills which footballers are heirs to, always seem to be able to remain in the forefront as the "glamour team" of English football. Once again the Gunners have carried off the championship; they "pipped" the Wolverhampton Wanderers at the post by beating Bolton Wanderers at Highbury on Saturday by five goals to nil. The two points which they gained from this victory gave them an advantage of the point over the Wolves, who unfortunately had to visit Sunderland, where away teams seldom come off best. Not unexpectedly, the Wolves suffered the same fate as many other teams this season, and lost by the only goal of the match. One cannot help sympathising with the Wolves in thus being thwarted at the finish. Had they won, they would have been deserving champions if only for the magnificent displays which they have put up during the season. Capable of rising to great heights, this team of youngsters has supplied some of the best football in the game just concluded. Their main fault was that they could also sink pretty low, and they lost several games which they should normally have won. On the other hand, the Arsenal have been struggling along often without their centre-forward, Ted Drake, and almost throughout the season without Bowden, their "stopper" centre-half, whose place was so capably filled by Bernard Joy, the amateur. Yet they have always maintained a certain standard.

Villa's Return

MANY will be pleased to see the return of Aston Villa to the First Division. The Villa's taste of Second Division soccer has lasted only two seasons. Their reinstatement was obviously only a matter of time: a team with such a reputation and with such great resources at its beck and call cannot be expected to be kept out of senior football for long. Going up with the Villa are Manchester United, who were relegated together with Sheffield Wednesday last year. So, whatever consolation Manchester football enthusiasts may derive lies in the fact that one Manchester team at least remains in the premier division.

One Will Retire

SO confident are professional tennis circles that Donald Budge will turn professional next season that a private agreement has reportedly been reached between Fred Perry and Ellsworth Vines to take care of the contingency. Perry and Vines are said to have decided that the loser of this season's tennis tour will retire from the tennis field, leaving the winner free to face Budge in what could only be a series of highly profitable matches. The drawing power of the Perry-Vines matches has lessened considerably this season, and a new element is needed to revitalise professional tennis. Budge versus Perry would undoubtedly be a highly successful combination.

Tennis To Start At 4.15 p.m.

It was officially announced this morning by Mr. P. E. Baskett, Hon. Secretary of the Hongkong Cricket Club, that the doubles tennis final this afternoon will start at 4.15 p.m. His Excellency the Governor, Sir Geoffry Northcote, has signified his intention of being present at the match.

BRITAIN LEADS IN DAVIS CUP

Wins Doubles In Straight Sets

Harrogate, May 9.

Great Britain leads Rumania by two matches to one in their Davis Cup first round tie following a victory in the doubles.

F. H. D. Wilde and D. W. Butler were lucky to beat Carioulis and Schmidt in straight sets, the scores being 8-6, 7-5, 6-2.—*Reuter.*

A *Trans-Ocean* message states that the Rumanian players put up a gallant fight in the first two sets but their resistance noticeably weakened in the third.

FRANCE THROUGH

The Hague, May 9.

France beat Holland by 3-2 and thus earns the right to meet Monaco in the second round of the competition.

On the last day Petra defeated Van Sowl by 6-0, 6-3, 6-2 whilst Destromeau beat Hughan by 6-4, 6-2, 6-2. —*Trans-Ocean.*

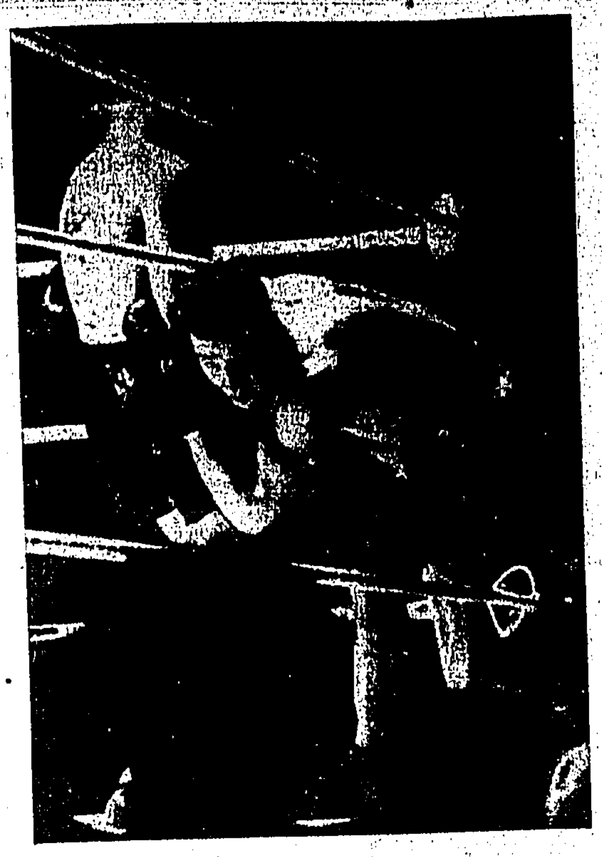
GERMAN TEAM

Berlin, May 9.

The names of the four German tennis players nominated by the German Lawn Tennis Association as Reichs representatives in the Davis Cup tie with Norway were announced here to-day. The four members of the German team will be Henner Henkel, Goepfert, Redl and von Metaxa.

The two last named players, who are both Austrians, will represent Germany for the first time in the forthcoming tie which will be played either in Berlin or in Hamburg on May 20 and the two following days.

The definite line up of the German team for the matches will be announced in a few days.—*Trans-Ocean.*



"I'm-the-winner" expression on Len Harvey's face during an on-the-ropes interlude in his victorious fight against Jock McAvoy last month.

LEN HARVEY WINS McAVOY'S TITLE ON POINTS

Great Defence Beats Handicap Of Cut Eye

From a Special Correspondent

London, Apr. 8.

Len Harvey, hero of several hundred fights, won back the British cruiser-weight title at Harringay Arena last night, but Jock McAvoy, the champion gave him one of the hardest fights of his career.

The verdict on points could not have been by a very large margin. In fact, there were many, both at the ringside and in the far-off seats, who disagreed.

To my mind it was the only decision, for Harvey proved himself too clever a ring general to be beaten by the heavy punching of his rival.

He boxed under the handicap of a badly gashed eye for major portions of the contest. This occurred in the third round and was reopened in almost every subsequent session.

Skilful patching between the rounds saved the injury from becoming too serious while Harvey's cleverness foiled McAvoy's efforts to add to the injury.

CONSTANT ATTACK

McAvoy, as usual, kept up a constant attack, boring in to hit out with tremendous swings and hooks.

Harvey, noted as a let-hand hitter, did not use this hand to the extent expected.

He made greater play with his right than he has ever done before, and this change of tactics went a long way towards gaining him victory.

He drove home his right on many occasions as the champion launched his attack.

One splendid blow at the end of one round almost scored what would have been the only knock down in the fight.

ACCURATE HARVEY

McAvoy never gave up boring in and unleashing blows with both hands, and the fact that Harvey's face was covered in blood long before the end of the contest bore testimony to his hard hitting.

But a good percentage of his blows were neatly parried or caught on the arms and shoulders, whereas Harvey was much more accurate.

For the first few rounds the challenger boxed on the defensive, but after he had been shaken once or twice he came back at McAvoy fiercely and more than held his own.

By the tenth Harvey increased his efforts, only to find his opponent bringing every artifice of the ring into play and steadily winning the points.

The last two rounds showed McAvoy all out to score a decisive win and retain his title, while Harvey met punch for punch in what now developed to almost a slogging match.

HEAVY PUNISHMENT

The punishment the pair took in these final sessions was phenomenal.

Cheered on by the madly excited crowd, they gave blow for blow with defence cast aside.

McAvoy in my opinion almost brought matters level with this last great-hearted effort, but in the final moment Harvey called on his last reserve of strength and smashed back with terrific punches that were better directed than those sent in by his rival.

"Now for Tommy Farr," said Harvey after the fight. "I had made up my mind to win and now I do not see how I can be regarded as anything but the logical contender for the heavy-weight title."

"I really thought I had won," McAvoy said, "but there it is. Anyway, it was a great scrap."

BRITAIN HAS BIG CHIOCE FOR THE WALKER CUP

But Americans Confident Of Remaining On Top

The Selection Committee appointed by the Royal and Ancient Club to choose a team to represent Great Britain in the Walker Cup match against the United States at St. Andrew's on June 3 and 4 has added to the earlier list of players nominated to take part in trial games at St. Andrew's next month. John Beck has already been appointed captain.

When the original list of 16 was issued surprise was caused by some notable omissions. Now that the names of nine other players have been added some unexpected choices occur in the comprehensive list of 25.

The inclusion of A. Dowie is the chief surprise. He is practically unknown outside St. Andrew's, where he keeps a tobacconist shop, but he is one of the finest amateur golfers in the city and has won the amateur championship of St. Andrew's for the past three years.

The fact that the Selection Committee has chosen Dowie, James Fitzsimmons, the Irish open amateur champion and steward at the Royal Portrush club, and Charles Stowe, a colliery worker, disposes of the criticism that the choice of British players has been restricted by social position, and that selections have not gone sufficiently far afield.

The inclusion of Harry Bentley, the English champion two years ago, and D. H. R. Martin, a former Oxford Blue, one of the best golfers in the south, remedies what was considered a serious omission from the original list. Ivor Thomas is one of the best left-handed players in the game, and A. A. Duncan, a former Oxford University captain, now in the Welsh Guards, is Army champion and a first-class golfer.

YOUNG PLAYERS

Eric McRuvie has already played in the Walker Cup match, while Lindsay, a former boy champion, and McLeod have played for Scotland.

The majority of the nominees are young players who are being tested for a British international match for the first time. It is a bold experiment, which will commend itself to all.

Britain has never yet beaten the United States in this series and advance publicity from America states that this year the "odds should be 1,000 to 1 on the United States."

Only four men who played in the last Walker Cup match, in America two years ago, Hector Thomson, Gordon Peters, Harry Bentley, and John Langley, are included in the comprehensive list.

Now the selectors are faced with their most difficult task—choosing eight players and two reserves to take part in the match, from the galaxy of talent taking part in the trials.

THE PLAYERS

First List

E. Bromley-Davenport (Wilmslow), J. Bruen, jun. (Muskerry), L. G. Crawley (Brancepeth Castle), C. Ewing (Co. Sligo), J. Graham (Wilderness), J. E. Gent (Bradford Moor), E. D. Hamilton (Braids-ton), A. Jamieson (Pollok), A. T. Kyle (Sandmoor), J. D. A. Langley (Cambridge Univ.), D. H. Lewis (Cardiff), J. J. F. Pennink (R. Ashdown Forest), G. B. Peters (Ferenezo), K. B. Scott (Oxford University), C. Stowe (Penn), H. Thomson (Williamwood).

Latest Nominations

D. H. R. Martin (St. George's, Sandwich), H. G. Bentley (Hesketh), I. S. Thomas (R. Liverpool), A. A. Duncan (Army), J. Lindsay (Falkirk Tryst), Eric McRuvie (Leven Thistle), W. H. S. McLeod (Old Ranfurley), Andrew Dowie (St. Andrew's Thistle), J. Fitzsimmons (Ireland).

BUDGET FOR OLYMPIC SWIMMERS

Chicago, May 9.

The U.S. Olympic Swimming Committee has approved an estimated budget of $3,500 for the American swimming team to the 1940 Olympic Games at Tokyo.—*United Press.*

BLUNDER THE F. A. MUST NOT REPEAT

But No Big Change In Team For Berlin

By Arbiter (Frank M. Carruthers)

London, Apr. 13.

The England team when they play in Berlin on May 14 may expect to have arrayed against them the combined talent of Germany and Austria.

By this amalgamation Germany may be raised to the position of premier football team in Europe, and the match will probably be harder to win.

Although the English authorities have not yet been officially informed of this arrangement—so far as they are concerned the match is still against Germany—I do not think they will offer any objection to the change of plan.

They are bound to recognise that the Sindelars and the Szestas have been embraced in the realm of German football.

It has not yet been officially decided to include Austrians in the team to oppose England. I am told, however, that it is the intention to play a mixed side against Portugal on April 24, and if the experiment is successful it will be carried out against England.

The doubt seems to be whether the German and Austrian styles can be made to blend.

NO SCHEMING

England's team for the game in Berlin is to be chosen on the eve of the Cup Final, when the elders on the F.A. Selection Committee may, with their complacency and ripe philosophy, find it easy to forget their blunders over the match with Scotland.

Fortunately, on this occasion, schemes to keep players out of the team because they are required by their clubs for League matches will not be required. There may, in fact, be healthy competition for places.

I hope these members of the committee who are "amateur" at heart and rarely see a League match will be content to leave the choice of the team to those properly qualified to judge.

My fear is that all the work of building the side in the early part of the season which was largely undertaken by representatives of the League will be destroyed.

Previous successes could be traced to the play of the inside forwards. Failure against Scotland could be attributed to the same cause and the defects will be removed only by repairing this flagrant weakness. To pick a new team would be to undo everything. Few changes are necessary.

Kay Was Too Erratic Beaten By Mrs. King

By Stanley N. Doust

London, Apr. 9.

Miss Kay Stammers lost in the semi-final of the women's singles in the Surrey hard-court lawn tennis championship at Rochampton Club, S.W., yesterday to Mrs. M. R. King, the Wightman Cup captain, by 6—4, 4—6, 6—3. That was the highlight of the day's play.

Miss Betty Nuthall was beaten by Miss Jean Saunders in the other semi-final by 7—9, 6—2, 3—6. That was a minor surprise.

The finalists in the men's singles are R. Shayes, who beat J. S. Olliff by 4—6, 6—4, 6—3, and C. E. Malcroy, who beat L. Shaffi by 6—2, 3—6.

The Mrs. King v. Miss Stammers match followed the long three-set match between Miss Saunders and Miss Nuthall, and although this was good in strokes, there was such a monotonous sameness about its character.

Miss Stammers was in one of her erratic moods. At one moment she was lamentably bad, and the next so brilliant that she made Mrs. King look quite an ordinary player. Then just as we thought Miss Stammers could not lose she lapsed again into her erratic mood.

TENACIOUS GAME

On the other hand, Mrs. King played her usual tenacious game, her form varied hardly at all, and her tactics were shrewd.

Miss Stammers in the opening set was 1—3 down, then in a brilliant burst won four games in a row and the set in the tenth game. Her drop shots were much in evidence, and her volleying superb.

She lost the first three games in the second set, made another come back, and the set level at three all and four all. This time Mrs. King would not be denied, and won the set to square the match.

Mrs. King then went on to win the first four games of the final set, but was caught at four all, in which period Miss Stammers could not go wrong. Level at five all and at 6—5 Miss Stammers survived two match points against her.

Mrs. King won the odd game for 7—6, and Miss Stammers, at 40—15 in the next, tried two drop shots and missed them. Mrs. King kept a perfect length at this stage, and won the game for a very fine match.

TOURISTS MAINTAIN GOOD FORM

Australian Cricketers Defeat Leicester

London, May 9.

The Australian cricket tourists gave further proof of their great batting strength by hitting up 590 for five wickets before declaring in their match against Leicestershire. In their two opening games they scored 541 against Worcestershire and 679 for seven wickets against Oxford University.

To the total of 590, C.L. Badcock contributed 198, A.L. Hassett 148 and A.G. Chipperfield 104 not out.

Leicestershire had made 107 for the loss of five wickets when stumps were drawn for the day. C.S. Dempster was 50 not out.

MIDDLESEX v. WARWICK

At Lord's, Middlesex took only two days to beat Warwickshire by nine wickets.

Middlesex scored 283 in their first innings, Paine taking five wickets for 53 runs. Warwickshire, in reply, made only 87 (Smith five for 41) and in the follow-on 251, Smith this time claiming four victims for 50.

Requiring 56 runs to win, Middlesex accomplished this with the loss of one wicket.

NORTHANTS v. NOTTS

At Northampton, Nottinghamshire defeated Northamptonshire by eight wickets.

Northants made 154 and 142 (Butler 4 for 22, Staples 4 for 38), and Notts had 253 (Partridge 5 for 77) and 44 for two wickets.—*Reuter.*

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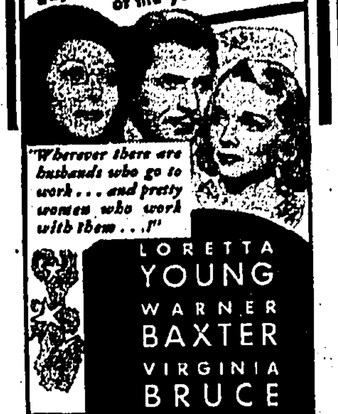

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TO-MORROW AT THE ALHAMBRA

HARVEY WANTS TO MEET FARR

But First Will Take A Rest

London, Apr. 9.

Len Harvey, new British cruiser-weight champion, stated yesterday that he is to have a two-months rest, and then he is after a fight with Tommy Farr for Farr's British and Empire heavy-weight titles.

"My left hand was damaged in Thursday's title fight with McAvoy, and is badly swollen, but a complete rest will put it right," he said. "Then I am going after the heavy-weight title. As soon as Farr likes to return from America he can have a match.

"The Board of Control recently nominated Ben Foord and Eddie Phillips to meet in the final eliminating contest for Farr's title. I am quite prepared to meet the winner, if necessary, before tackling Farr.

"Let me pay a tribute to McAvoy's great fighting," he went on. "I want it known that my injured eye was caused by a fair punch. It was a left hook. That did not concern me a great deal—it was my left hand that was the trouble."

McAVOY'S VIEW

McAvoy, who returned to Manchester yesterday, was of the opinion that he was unlucky not to have been awarded the decision.

"I am," he said, "willing to fight Harvey again for a substantial sidestake. I think I can regain the title."

Mr. Harry Levene, McAvoy's London agent, stated that he is applying to the British Boxing Board of Control for a scrutiny of the referee's score card, as he was greatly surprised that the referee awarded the fight to Harvey without first consulting his score card.

DERBY CALL-OVER

Pasch Still At Head Of Betting List

London, May 9.

The following was to-day's call-over for the Derby:

Pasch 2/2 offered, 85/40 taken; Port Marnock 7/1 offered; Scottish Union 11/1 offered; Golden Sovereign 100/7 offered; Pound Foolish 15/1 taken and offered; Glenloan 100/6 offered; Mirza 20/1 offered.—*Reuter.*

FIFTH EXTRA MEETING

Handicap Events Arranged For Saturday, May 21

The following is the programme of handicap events arranged for the Fifth Extra Race Meeting of the Hongkong Jockey Club for Saturday, May 21:

Yangtsze Handicap.—For China Ponies, Griffins of this Season. Winners of $1,500 or more in stakes, barred. Jockey allowance. Six furlongs.

Brisbane Spring Handicap.—For Australian Subscription Ponies of any Season. Jockey allowance. One and a quarter miles.

West River Handicap.—First Section.—For China Ponies, "C" Class. Jockey allowance. From the two Mile Post Once Round and in (About one mile 171 yards).

Note:—One Entry only will be made for the West River Handicap (Races Nos. 3 and 8). Entries will be divided into First and Second Sections at the discretion of the Handicapper.

Peiho Handicap.—First Section.—For China Ponies, "D" Class. Jockey allowance from the 1½ Mile Post (About half mile 170 yards).

Note:—One Entry only will be made for the Peiho Handicap (Races Nos. 4 and 9). Entries will be divided into First and Second Sections at the discretion of the Handicapper.

Shing Mun Handicap.—For China Ponies, "B" Class. Jockey allowance. Six furlongs.

Wallsend Handicap.—For Australian Subscription Ponies of any season. Ponies classified "A" Class, and Ponies that have won $1,000 or more in stakes since 1st January, 1938, barred. Jockey allowance. Six furlongs.

Nanling Stakes.—For China Ponies, Subscription Griffs of this Club of this Season classified "E" Class. Weight for inches as per scale. Jockey allowance. Half a mile.

West River Handicap.—Second Section. (See Race No. 3).

Peiho Handicap.—Second Section. (See Race No. 4).

Early Double Event:—Fifth and Seventh Races.

CRICKET SCORES

London, May 9.

Cricket lunch scores were:

Gloucestershire 389, Derbyshire 93 for one.

Hampshire 277, Lancashire 265 for two.

Kent 227 for four, Essex 450.

Leicestershire 212, Australia 410 for four.

Middlesex 283, Warwickshire 98 for three.

Northamptonshire 154, Nottinghamshire 244 for nine.

Oxford 97 for three, Yorkshire 420.

Surrey 379 for six, Somersetshire 128.

Worcestershire 286, Sussex 77 and 131 for three.—*Reuter Bulletin.*

Great Mile By Schoolboy At The White City

Thrilling Half Mile

By J. P. Jordan

London, Apr. 11.

A brilliant mile by A. H. Chivers (Wycliffe), who knocked four-fifths of a second off S. C. Wooderson's record at the corresponding meeting five years ago, stood out as the finest feat accomplished at the Public Schools Challenge Cup meeting which concluded at the White City on Saturday.

Chivers is not unlike the world's record-holder Wooderson, in build and effortless style of running. He allowed D. W. Parks (Ardingly) to take him along until the last lap, when he lengthened his stride, and moving with beautiful rhythm, won easily by 50 yards in 4min. 29sec.

Given normal development, Chivers should be a great miler in a few years' time.

Record was also beaten by a Green (Ampleforth) in the steeplechase, but otherwise the performances were about the average.

The biggest thrill of the afternoon was provided in the half mile, in which A. D. Buckland-Nicks (Berkhamsted) ran a splendidly judged race. After setting the pace he allowed first D. J. Mayall (Lancing) and then C. N. Jupp (Perse) to tear away in front, and reserving his own final spurt until the last 50 yards, he got home by inches.

FINE QUARTER-MILER

P. A. Soar (Epsom) is a quarter-miler of high promise. For a boy of 16½ years to win two heats on Friday in 53.3sec. and 53sec., and the final on Saturday in 52.3sec. is exceptional.

J. F. Lockwood (Queen Elizabeth's, Barnet) had no difficulty in winning the sprint and long jump for the second successive year and should be heard of again, probably as a long jumper, while the hurdles went to the best stylist, J. M. Tanner (Marlborough).

This was rather an untidy race, as several hurdles were knocked over and Tanner himself was at fault early on, but he deserved his victory.

The weight putting was good and the pole vaulting fair. Salem (Germany) were weakly represented and lost the Challenge Cup after holding it for two years. Queen Elizabeth's and Kingswood tied for the cup.

The Finals

Half Mile.—A. D. Buckland-Nicks (Berkamsted), 1; C. N. Jupp (Perse), 2; J. R. Park (University College School), 3; Inches; 2min. 3.4sec.

One Mile.—A. H. Chivers (Wycliffe), 1; D. W. Parks (Ardingly), 2; R. Goodbody (Sutton County), 3. 40 yards; 4min. 29sec. (record).

Weight.—G. L. Brown (Kingswood), 42ft. 10in. 1; P. J. Roe (Dover), 2; J. H. Shillito (Oundle), 3.

100 Yards.—J. F. Lockwood, holder (Queen Elizabeth G.S., Barnet), 1; N. A. Davis (Polytechnic), 2; R. J. B. Roach (Palmer's), 3. Two feet; 10.4sec.

One Mile Walk.—M. W Golding (Polytechnic), 1; A. V. Kay (Rutlish), 2; L. G. Smith (Latymer Upper), 3. Fifteen yards; 6min. 4.8sec.

440 Yards.—P. A. Soar (Epsom), 1; K. A. D. Forder (St. Edmund's, Canterbury), 2; J. F. B. Laing (Repton), 3. Inches; 52.3sec.

Three-quarters Mile Steeplechase.—A. Green (Ampleforth), 1; E. N. Shearly (Queen Elizabeth G.S., Barnet), 2; M. H. de Chair (Eton), 3. Six yards; 3min. 43sec. (record).

Long Jump.—J. F. Lockwood, holder (Queen Elizabeth G.S., Barnet), 22ft. 5½in., 1; N. A. Davis (Polytechnic), 2; D. C. V. Watts (St. George's, Harpenden), 3.

Pole Vault.—D. Rosser (Bancroft's), 10ft. 1; E. A. Moir (Bedford), 2; R. E. Davies (Manchester G.S.), 3. Rosser won on a count of faults.

120 Yards Hurdles.—J. M. Tanner (Marlborough), 1; L. R. Thomas (King's, Wimbledon), 2; D. C. Brierley (Blundell's), 3. Yards; 16.5sec.

NEW HATS FOR AUSTRALIA

Sydney.

The "bush" hat of Australia is to give way to the American product. The John B. Stetson Company of Philadelphia has arranged with an established Australian hat manufacturer to produce the Stetson hats here. The move is a result of Australia's decision to prohibit the importation of men's hats.

CAMEL RELISHES PAPER BAGS

Memphis, Tenn.

A sad-eyed camel in the Memphis zoo is on a diet of paper bags. Visitors to the zoo now bring along paper bags for the camel in addition to peanuts for the monkeys. The camel chews the bags like a goat, swallowing them with apparent enjoyment.

MONKEYS AS "CIVIL SERVANTS"

Singapore.

Two monkeys are to become "civil servants" in the Straits Settlements. The government has introduced an estimate of about $70 to buy two monkeys from the State of Kelantan to help officers of the botanical department collect specimens from high trees.

TOMMIES JOIN FROM AFAR

London.

Recruits from overseas are joining the British army in increasing numbers, the War Office's director of public relations reports. The recruits come from distant cities, remote farms; from the Australian bush, the African veldt and Canadian lumber lands.

OUR GUIDE TO THE CINEMAS

"Farewell Again" (King's Theatre, to-day).—For those who complain that there are insufficient good English pictures in the Colony, this will be a welcome treat. Well-handled, the film shows the reactions of different people who, after serving years in India, are on their way back to England with the prospect of leave at Home only to be told that they have only six hours at Southampton; the regiment has just been ordered to the Near East. Leslie Banks and Flora Robson have the chief roles.

"Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs" (Queen's and Alhambra Theatres, to-day).—As refreshing as a cool breeze on a hot summer's day, and as welcome as a pay increase, the new and greatest Walt Disney production is here at last. A landmark of film making, it was an amazing feat to inject such dramatic realism and spontaneity into what, after all, are merely so many photographed drawings. This is truly motion picture art, not to mention its being one of the most captivating screen experiences we have had. It is as entertaining for adults as it undoubtedly is for the kiddies.

"Strike Me Pink" (Oriental Theatre, to-day).—An old Eddie Cantor favourite, containing all the ingredients which made all the Eddie Cantor films entertaining. It is being shown for only one day.

"Kid Millions" (Majestic Theatre, to-day).—Another Eddie Cantor hit. Ann Sothern and Ethel Merman help to keep the picture at a fast pace.

YACHTING RESULTS

Series Of Naval Races For "Malayan Mug"

The first of a series of races to be held by the Royal Naval Sailing Association for a trophy named "The Malayan Mug," which is being presented by Lieut. P. Medd, of H.M.S. Eagle, resulted as follows:

1,	Lt. Cdr. Pugh (T23),	7 pts.
2,	Lt. Graves (T62),	6 pts.
3,	Lt. Whitworth (T65),	5 pts.
4,	Flt. Lt. Ross (T40),	4 pts.
5,	F. O. Lumsden (T64),	3 pts.
6,	Lt. Hare (T68),	2 pts.
7,	Flt. Lt. Gaskell (T66),	D.N.F.

DOG SAVES HIDE, LOSES TAIL

Minto, Australia.

Fairly expert timing by a dog here saved its hide but not its tail. It leaped from a railroad track just in time. It then dashed madly on for another 200 yards without a whimper before it discovered its loss. The dog then howled miserably.

SUMMER Ggolf

Result Of First Round Draw For Valley Happy Singles

The following is the result of the draw for first round matches in the Happy Valley Summer Singles Competition for 1938:

Col. E. D. Matthews (14) v. A. D. Humphreys (8); E. Tuck (20) v. L. Goldman (7); W. S. Hillier (9) v. A. L. Powell (18); J. W. Mayhew (11) v. W. J. Dyer (17); A. H. McBride (12) v. T. B. Low (11); G. W. Reeve (15) v. R. Young (6); H. N. Williamson (11) v. T. D. Paton (8); J. Cook (22) v. J. Harrop (14); J. W. Macdonald (7) v. L. C. F. Bellamy; A. McKellar (8) v. J. Gellatly (24); A. Brooksbank (18) v. H. H. Mundy (10); N. J. Booker (13) v. W. A. Stewart (10); Hugh Smith (11) v. G. T. May (15); F. Buckle (15) v. G. Davies (12); F. G. van Reede (21) v. C. Brent Smith (20); W. Woodward (13) v. A. B. Purvis (8).

First round to be played on or before May 20; Second round on or before June 11; Third Round on or before June 26; Semi-final on or before July 10; Final on or before July 24.

FUNERAL SERVICES

Jiu-Jitsu School Founder Honoured In Tokyo

Tokyo, May 9.

In the vast, mat-covered hall of the jiu-jitsu school which he founded immediately after his graduation from the Tokyo Imperial University in 1882, the funeral services for Dr. Jigoro Kano, father of the modern system of Japanese self-defence, were held here to-day.

Dr. Kano died on May 4 on board the Hikawa Maru while on his way back to Japan from the Cairo meeting of the Olympic International Committee. He was 77 years old.—*Domei.*

WALKING CONTEST

Whitlock Finishes Fourth In Race At Munich

Munich, May 9.

The British Olympic champion, Harold Whitlock, who at the last Olympic games in Berlin, won the 50 kilometres walking contest, finished but fourth in the 25 kilometres "all round Munich" walking race yesterday.

The first was the Berlin athlete Fritz Bleiweiss who came over the distance in 2 hours and 25 seconds, Peters, Berlin being second and Finzle Mittenwald third.—*Trans-Ocean.*

NEW DRUNKOMETER DEVISED

New York.

A new device to test drivers suspected of being intoxicated has been developed by Dr. R. N. Harger. The drunkometer, as it is called, consists of a glass tube containing a chemical solution. As the suspect's breath is forced into the tube, the solution undergoes a change in colour in proportion to the amount of alcohol on his breath.

Shayes Making Sure Of Davis Cup Place

By Stanley N. Doust

London, Apr. 13.

The Davis Cup probables continued their trials against each other at the Melbury Hard Court Club, Kensington, yesterday, the results of which will undoubtedly influence the selectors in choosing the team.

Two, Messrs. Prebble and Stowe (out of five), were watching, and I think their presence had a nervous influence on some of the players—particularly Filby—because he was less adventurous than on Monday and more patchy.

R. Shayes, in my opinion, is certain for a place in the team. Yesterday he beat Filby by 6—1, 6—4, 6—1.

In some respects Shayes reminds me of F. J. Perry in his cat-like quickness about the court, his manner of hitting on the forehand and his uncanny anticipation. Filby seemed nervy. First of all he could not get a firm foothold and he blamed his shoes, and sent for others which obviously were not his. They had useful rope soles but appeared two sizes too large.

The change made a difference for he played better lawn tennis in the second set and led by 3—2. Shayes, however, was his master yesterday, and Filby went down badly in the last set.

DOUR FIGHT

It took C. M. Jones from half-past three till just after half-past five to beat the Scotsman, D. McPhail, by 6—2, 11—9, 12—10. The feature about this match was the dourness of the fight rather than its quality.

Jones began well and McPhail badly and both suffered from the same complaint—they were too anxious to make the last point for a set or a match point. McPhail, by grim hanging-on, led by 5—4 in the second set and 15—40 on Jones's service in the next game. Then McPhail made two dreadful shots and lost his chance. Game for game till 9—all, when Jones took the lead and then held his own service for the set. The third set was similar except Jones at 9—8 led by 40—15 and threw away his chance of clinching matters with three very bad shots. And so they went on till 10—all. Jones broke through, and at 40—0 on his own service aced McPhail to win a close tie.

The two prospective doubles players, F. H. D. Wilde and D. Butler, also had a nerve-racking match. Butler won by 6—2, 6—0, 4—6, 9—7.

Girl Of 13 Wins Rifle Contest

Down Curdridge way, in Hampshire, lives a thirteen-year-old girl who shoots bull's-eyes while her little friends are playing hopscotch.

Her name is Edna Dearlove. She had a thirteenth birthday party on March 3 and carried on the celebrations by winning the Southampton Rifle League's "Scalp" individual competition.

Who ever heard of a thirteen-year-old winning an important rifle shooting contest? She scored 98—two short of the possible. No fluke, for Edna averaged 95.66 in fifteen matches prior to her thirteenth birthday.

It looks as though we have another Marjorie Foster (King's prize winner) growing up.

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SPARE MOMENT PAGE

MERRILY WE LIVE

ADAPTED FROM THE Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer PICTURE

by LUCY HUFFAKER

PRECEDING CHAPTERS:

Mrs. Kilbourne, against the wishes of her family, has a habit of taking in tramps. Ambrose who had been chauffeur departs with all the silver. When Wade Rawlins, shabby and stranded, because his rickety old car has fallen into the ravine, appears, she insists, despite his protests, that he stay and fill the vacant place.

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Chapter Three

Wade looked cautiously around the room. He drew a long breath. He was alone, at last. Where he ran — what awaited him at the end didn't matter now. All he wanted was to get away from this house which seemed to be occupied by lunatics.

"Oh, no you don't!"

It was the voice of the butler. It reached him clearly, so firm and loud it was, despite that fact that Grosvenor creeping up on him, had clamped down on his head, a basket filled with flowers.

"Thought you'd get away, did you? Trouble with you sneak thieves is you don't think quick."

Grosvenor was backing him across the room. He held him firmly with one hand and managed with the other to get the telephone.

"Police Headquarters, quick," he shouted into the phone and then to Rawlins who was making an attempt to wrench himself loose: "Take it easy...You haven't a — Police Headquarters? Send men at once — "

Jerry dashed into the room and took the phone from Grosvenor.

"What's going on here," she demanded.

"This — person was trying to make a get-away," said Grosvenor.

"And I thought I could trust you," Jerry said sadly to Wade. Then into the phone: "I'm sorry, we don't need any police today, thank you. Just a mistake — one of those things you know."

Grosvenor tried to protest. Jerry removed the basket from Wade's head before she answered.

"It makes no difference what you saw. He's our new tramp. We're bound to have one at least around the place — you know Mother. So I've appointed myself the judge of who stays, who goes. This one stays. And now—" turning to Wade —"did you take anything?"

"Perhaps you will take my word for it — although why you should I don't know — that I didn't. If not it is your privilege to have me searched. I will not resist nor will I object."

"No one will search you. But just to satisfy my curiosity, will you tell me why you were trying to run away?"

"I just wanted to get out of here."

"That's gratitude for you! Here you have a chance for a new life, different from any you have ever known and you try to dodge taking it. Do you want to be a down-at-the-heel tramp all your life? I thought everybody had some little spark of ambition somewhere. Don't you want a different life? A more abundant life, as the saying goes?"

She shook her head sadly as Wade answered that his mode of life had been of his own choosing and that, minor annoyances aside, it had satisfied him.

"Why you speak like a — a — well, not not the way most of our tramps do. If you did, I might relent and let you go. But now I'm determined. You're going to stay right here. You'll see a different life and you will give up being a hobo. Here, Grosvenor, it's all settled. Now take him over to his quarters, see that he has a razor, soap, everything. And fish out the uniform which comes nearest fitting him. Well, what are you waiting for?"

"Only to say, Miss Kilbourne, that I'm leaving. This is too much."

"You'll leave when I say you may and not one minute before."

Grosvenor looked as if he were about to deliver a lecture on his constitutional rights, but he had just muttered something about involuntary labour, when Jerry interrupted to ask, pointedly, if it would be necessary for her to get in touch with his first wife. A look of terror was on his face, one of triumph on Jerry's.

"He's sort of a bigamist," she said in explanation to Wade.

Grosvenor, as one who knew when he had gone down to defeat, started for the garden, motioning Wade to follow him. He seemed deep in thought as they crossed the garden, muttering that he would never forgive himself. Wade asked if he meant because he was a bigamist — at least "sort" of one.

"I was not referring to that. I meant for preventing your escape."

"Don't you like tramps?"

"I try desperately to love all of God's creatures, but I never did like tramps, and since I have lived here, I loathe them, one and all."

Grosvenor, despite his feelings, was not one to shirk his duties, Rawlins saw. In a few minutes he had assembled everything necessary to enable the dirtiest tramp to look well groomed. A shower, a shave, a shampoo, clean clothes—they *were* good things Wade thought, when he had finished dressing and looked at himself in the mirror.

Now, at last, he could telephone. He walked to the door and opened it to make sure Grosvenor was not listening. No one was there. He turned to the phone and asked for a New York number. When the connection was made, an anxious voice asked him where he was. Anxiety turned to irritation when Wade answered that he was on the Pacific Coast and intended to be there for some time.

"Now, listen, Wade. You can't leave us in the lurch like this? You know what'll be to pay if you don't show up tomorrow night! Of course you can make it — hop a plane and we'll meet you at Newark. The papers are full of you — such reviews as authors and publishers dream of. Now, don't pull the modest-violet stuff on me. Hustle for the nearest plane."

"I can't get away, Al. I've turned chauffeur. — No, I'm not crazy and I haven't had a drink in a couple of days. — Sorry to have send my regrets, but listen — I'd be walking out on the best stuff I ever ran into, if I left now. Why, it's just come to me that there's enough material here for one of those trilogy affairs. Be a good pal and let me off this time. I'll keep in touch with you. In fact, I'll be seeing you some time, but that time is definitely not tomorrow."

Jerry had rushed to her room as if fearing to be late for an important engagement, but she seemed to be having difficulty in deciding what she would wear. Marian who had drifted in after her asked her if she was anxious to make an impression on Herbert Wheeler. She said she didn't know that he would be at the club. She had told him she would not have luncheon with him.

"Yes," said Marian. "I was listening in — heard you say you wouldn't marry him today, too. You should have said you never would. That would have made some sense."

Jerry ordered her to leave her room and for answer Marian sauntered over to the window.

Jerry took up the phone and asked Grosvenor to have Wade and the car waiting for her in ten minutes.

"Jerry, come here," Marian cried. "Who's that out in the garden?"

"Probably the gardner. It's a logical person to be a gardener."

"I guess I know the gardner when I see him. This man's — why it's the new tramp. He's so spic-and-span you wouldn't believe it could be the same person, now would you?"

"I could believe anything," answered Jerry as she joined her sister at the window.

Mrs. Kilbourne was below clipping roses from the bushes. She did not recognize Wade either at first.

"Good morning," she said. "I don't think we've met before, have we? Is there anything you want?"

"I'm just waiting for your daughter. You see — I'm the new chauffeur."

"Why so you are. You must pardon me, but I'm worried about the roses. Do you know anything about what to do for poor flowers when they are not in the best of health?"

"Perhaps they have the thrip."

"What a delightful word. What would you prescribe?"

Wade who had a love, if not much knowledge, of flowers felt it was the time to be serious and suggested that undoubtedly her gardener would know what to do.

"Sh-h" said Mrs. Kilbourne. "He'll probably hear us. I think he is a spy. In fact I intend to write President Roosevelt about it and ask his advice."

Wade managed to hold back the laughter which threatened him. Leave this place to be lionized at a literary dinner? His publisher must be crazy.

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HOW IT BEGAN

By Paul F. Berdanier

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Danger of Being Cocksure

by "An Old Stager"

THERE are some gifted people whose minds are never troubled by doubts. They are able to take clear-cut hundred-per-cent. views on all questions, however complicated and difficult, and never find themselves at a moment's loss for an emphatic opinion.

These people are not the salt, but the pepper, of the earth. They are not the material of which martyrs are made perhaps, but they are certainly the material that makes martyrs. It is the dogmatists who, all through recorded history, have nailed their colours to the mast—and humanity to the cross.

We find them exultantly busy at the present moment in the dangerous arena of foreign policy. Half of them are fanatically convinced that Mr. Neville Chamberlain has played Judas to enfranchised democracy in Europe. The other half are just as fanatically persuaded that the Prime Minister has saved the world from a second and still more disastrous edition of Armaggedon.

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Easily Gulled

And yet, even though they fail to realise the fact, these dogmatists are beset by tremendous perils. Their frame of mind lays itself so peculiarly open to autodeception. They swallow every fragment of alleged fact, no matter how suspect its propaganda source, with elate avidity, so long as it fits in nicely with their preconceived views. Any testimony contrary to their settled beliefs, even though it were as oracular as the voice of Moses from Mount Sinai, they brush impatiently aside as transparent bigotry.

It follows that such people exist perpetually in a miasma of perfervid selfdelusion. They are the easy gulls of all the plausible charlatans and confidence tricksters in Christendom and Jewry. They stand self-condemned to be the dupes of the sheerest opportunism and the fools of time. The rock on which they build their citadel is the impenetrable one of benighted ignorance.

This is shown by the fact that their dogmatism increases in exact ratio with the square of their suppressed uncertainty. The less they really understand about the subject under discussion, the more emphatic are they in their assertions about it.

It is this disastrous frame of mind, this attitude to life, which breeds the most fatal of all intellectual attitudes—the over-weening determination to believe implicitly what the victim of this hallucination wants to believe. It was this shut-eye fatalism that made us believe that Germany after the War had undergone a fundamental change of heart. It caused us to believe that, because we were war-weary, therefore the rest of Europe was pacifist.

Geneva Danger

For those two amiable hallucinations we are now paying an appalling price. Germany is revealed to us as still the same old Germany, only a much more formidable one than before. And we are now embarking on a ruinous rearmament expenditure in a breakneck endeavour to repair the error which caused us to scrap our defence equipment.

The supreme example of this deluded fanaticism is the League of Nations. No thoughtful person, worthy of civilised citizenship, can fail to be enamoured of that sublime conception. It may even be argued that, if civilisation is to stand up against the disruptive influences of sheer reactionary brute force, such an institution is a mere necessity.

But recognition of that fact, and sincere hope for its ultimate realisation, must not be permitted to blind progressive minds to the dismal fact that at the moment the League of Nations is a dangerous imposture. Until it can be given firm reality, and discharge in the international sphere the duty of policing the world as efficiently as we police our cities, to put our trust in it is as disastrous as it would be to arm ourselves with dummy guns, 'planes, and tanks.

This does not mean that the noble idea must be jettisoned for all time. Only that, until we can build solid foundations round Geneva, we must not gamble on Geneva as a Rock of Ages.

Mutual Help

Unfortunately the tendency of emotionalists, whose hopes have been centred fanatically in the League, is to accuse anyone who ventures to doubt the League's immediate efficacy of being a traitor to humanity's sole means of salvation. It may take even longer to build a solid Geneva than it did to build Rome, and Rome was not, as the old adage informs us, built in a day.

There is not much room for argument as to what must happen before the nations can put their faith implicitly in the League and proceed to turn their tanks into lawn-mowers. It is a spiritual renaissance that must ensue. Geneva will become a firm reality only when, and not before, the people of all countries concerned are prepared to make as supreme sacrifices on behalf of all countries concerned are prepared to make as supreme sacrifices on behalf of others as for themselves; when the defence of alien hearths and homes is as sacred a duty for all as is the safe-guarding of their own. Unhappily humanity seems still some distance from that degree of altruism.

This country is probably, even allowing for the deceiving national hypocrisy to which we are alleged to prone, as far advanced towards the mutual-help idea as any. Yet are we prepared now to pledge ourselves to fight to the death for the independence or freedom of Czechoslovakia, or to champion the rights of Poland with as much tenacity and self-sacrifice as we would our own native land?

The cardinal error the Labour leaders at Westminster seem to me to be committing is in refusing to recognise that no Government in London dare embark on a war, or even pledge itself to fight, unless it can be quite certain that its action or policy will command overwhelming popular support.

Surely that is the very essence of democracy? Does Mr. Attlee really think the majority of his countrymen would be willing to incur all that another European war implies for the sake of a Balkan State? Yet until we attain that standard of international morals, and nearly everybody else does so too, there can be no banking on the League of Nations.

The Government Alone Knows

One of the ablest Foreign Ministers this country has had in living recollection was the late Lord Rosebery. Let me remind the Labour Party of a fact they may have overlooked.

Lord Rosebery was strongly opposed to the Entente Cordiale with France. He suspected that it might involve us in a European war. Whether he was wise or not in this attitude, I am sure, in my own mind, that he displayed rare judgment in another direction. He once declared that, though an Opposition might fight tooth and nail to prevent a Government committing this country to a war, it ought never to endeavour to force one into a war. Only the Government, argued Lord Rosebery, could know how far our strength might be equal to such a commitment, and no party in Opposition ought to force its hands, and precipitate a war, in such circumstances.

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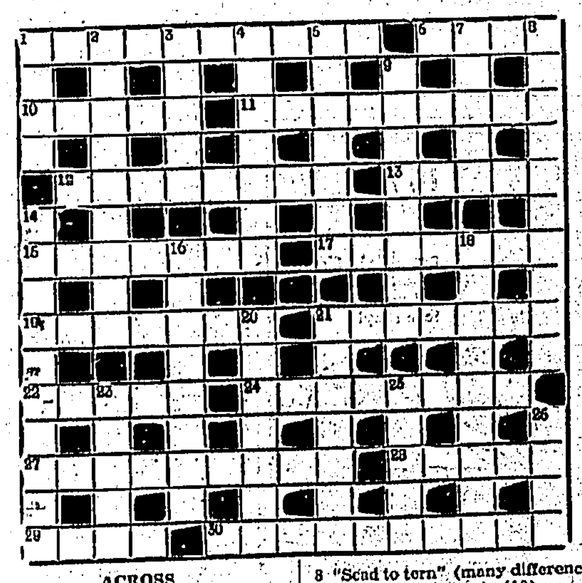


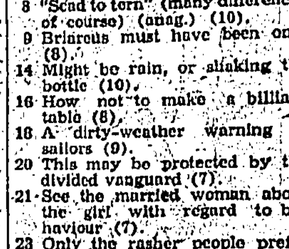
ACROSS

1 Flora (10).
6 No trivial story (4).
10 There's often this about the present, and it's often binding (5).
11 It may relieve much pain, but may leave one with the stitch for a time (9).
12 The end of a familiar cycle (3).
13 Put this with mine to make sure (5).
15 Fascist growth, evidently (7).
17 Can be made to seem sin (7).
19 Result of digging near the river Blackwater? (7).
21 French resort (7).
22 French grit can keep them warm (5).
24 Arresting form of a mad genre (8).
27 Many a man has been the last part because the pendulum wouldn't (9).
28 This ship shows a double bend? (5).
29 Were I to leave the shade it would be explosive (4).
30 This sort of fellow gets there in the end (10).

DOWN

1 A cross effort, possibly (4).
2 Would boy Scouts on tour deign to consult it? (9).
3 Two of us can't quite cover the subject (5).
4 A matter of give and take with careless and careful people (7).
5 Teeming with cricketing terms (7).
7 Proverbially fresh, but mostly vulgarly isn't (5).
8 "Send to term" (many differences of course) (anag.) (10).
9 Briarous must have been one! (8).
14 Might be rain, or shaking the bottle (10).
16 How not to make a billiard table (8).
18 A dirty-weather warning to sailors (9).
20 This may be protected by the divided vanguard (7).
21 See the married woman about the girl with regard to behaviour (7).
23 Only the rasher people prefer him to Shakespeare (5).
26 Names a bridge that schoolboys no longer cross (5).
26 Singularly apt name for a dalmation (4).

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION



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NEWS OF THE DAY IN PICTURES FROM FAR AND NEAR

HAPPENINGS AS SEEN BY THE CAMERA'S EYE

FOOTBALL INTERPORT. Teams representing the Hongkong F.A. junior league and Macao, which met in an Interport football match last Sunday, which Macao won. Seated in the centre is the Portugese Consul-General, Sen. Alvaro Brilhante Laborinho. (*Mee Cheung*).

MRS. M. K. LO presenting the H.K.F.A. second division championship cup to the captain of the Middlesex Regiment, winners of the division. The function took place on Sunday, following the Interport between Hongkong and Macao. (*Mee Cheung*).

DON BRADMAN and Stanley McCabe, the Australian Test cricketers in a new type of photograph. They are shown walking with a wreath laid at the Cenatoph in London on the occasion of Anzac Day commemoration. With them is Lieut-Col. E. K. Smart, D.S.O., M.C., of the Australian Imperial Forces, and standing alongside is the Humber car placed at the disposal of the cricketers.

THE REV. FRANCIS WONG delivering his sermon during a recent local broadcast of a Chinese service from the Catholic Cathedral in Caine Road. (*Photo Mee Cheung*).

CHOIR OF THE local Minor Seminary and Altar Boys, photographed during the broadcast of a service from the Catholic Cathedral. (*Mee Cheung*).

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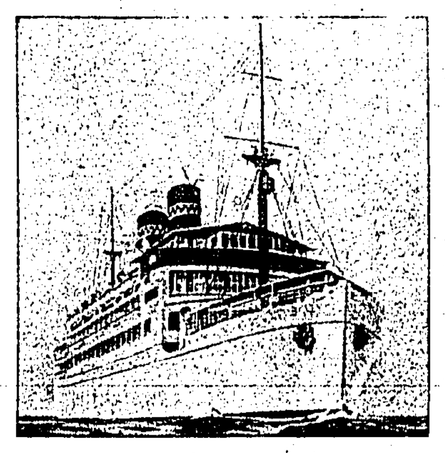

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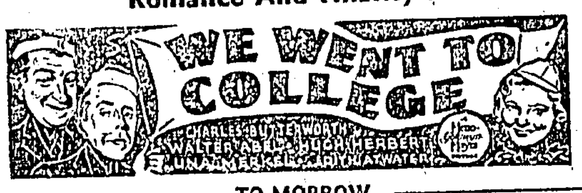

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JURY HOLDS BLINDNESS PREFERABLE TO DEATH

Baby's Eyes Must Be Removed

Chicago, May 9.

A medical problem which all America has been discussing was decided to-day by a jury of twelve doctors, scientists and clergymen, who agreed on the desirability of an immediate operation on a five-weeks-old baby girl, Helaine Colan.

The baby girl has a growth in the head which is slowly moving towards her brain. Cure can be effected only by removing her eyes, thus presenting a problem whether death would not be preferable to lifelong blindness.

The baby is stricken with retinal blioma—a cancerous tumour which creeps along the optic nerve towards the brain—in the left eye, with the right eye probably impaired in a similar manner. Without an operation, the child would have lived for only five months at the most. An operation would necessitate severance of the optic nerve, with resulting blindness.

The distraught parents, a young Chicago dentist named Herman Colan and his wife, threw the onus of making a decision on the jury, after whose decision the baby's left eye was to-day removed.

A Committee of eight X-Ray specialists will now examine the baby to determine the course of treatment for the right eye which, if too far affected, will also have to be removed if the baby's life is to be saved.—Reuter.

JAPAN SEES SIGNIFICANCE IN TREATY

Tokyo, May 9.

Referring to reports of possible Italo-Japanese friction as a result of the Agreement between Britain and Italy, Mr. Koki Hirota, the Japanese Foreign Minister, made the following statement to the press to-night: "There have been various reports purporting to give the impression that the Anglo-Italian accord will take its tenets from the Japanese Italo-German anti-Comintern agreement.

"Nothing can be further from the truth. Close co-operation between Japan, Italy and Germany is provided for in the anti-Comintern Pact, which cannot under any circumstances be affected by any agreement between Great Britain, Italy and Germany.

"Rather, the co-operation of Great Britain with Italy and Germany can be deemed her approach to the anti-Comintern alignment, while the Anglo-French alignment seems primarily aimed at securing the peace of Europe."—*United Press.*

MR. J. S. DAVIS GIVEN AMBASSADOR'S POST

Washington, May 9.

President Roosevelt has nominated Mr. Joseph S. Davis, the well-known economist, as U.S. Ambassador to Belgium.

The new Ambassador is well-known in England, which he visited in war and post-war years on various missions. He was a member of the Allied Maritime Transport Council in London in 1917-18, and was Assistant Statistician to the American Shipping Mission to London in 1917. He rendered valuable assistance as Technical Assistant to the American members of the Dawes Commission in 1919.—*United Press.*

STOP PRESS NEWS

Devonport Seaman Killed In Dorsetshire

The identity of the rating, who was found shot dead on H.M.S. Dorsetshire when the cruiser was near Cairns, North Queensland, on her return voyage from Australia to Hongkong, has now been revealed by the Naval authorities.

He is Leading Seaman Robert E. Dickinson, of Devonport.

The authorities here are still in the dark regarding the circumstances surrounding the death of Dickinson. At present all that is known is that he was found dead as a result of a gunshot wound.

A coroner's court was conducted at Cairns, but its findings have not been divulged.

In the meantime the Dorsetshire, which had planned a leisurely voyage from Australia to Hongkong, is now speeding at 16 knots for a non-stop trip from Cairns to the Colony. The cruiser is expected here within a week, and immediately she arrives, a full enquiry will be conducted by the local naval authorities.

WORKERS SATISFIED

The two-month-old strike at the Chung Hwa Book Company plant was satisfactorily concluded to-day when 1,344 men went back to work. They included 705 recalcitrant strikers who had held out for more money when their colleagues had already returned to work after a brief walk-out.

No further trouble is expected as the men now seem perfectly satisfied with conditions.

ARMED JUNK SEIZED

A Hongkong registered junk which was a miniature floating arsenal, proved a welcome haul for Japanese Destroyer No. 23, according to the report of the Master of the now missing craft.

Fong Cho-mun, 47, informed the police here that on May 5 he was sailing past the Sam Ming Customs Station in the Pearl River when an armed launch took off from the destroyer and a party carrying revolvers came on board. After a brief search, the crew was ordered into the sampan and told to row away. The junk was then towed to the destroyer and was not seen again.

On board the junk were five cannons, 200 lbs. of shot, 50 lbs. of gunpowder and 50 fuses to the total value, including the vessel, of $10,000.

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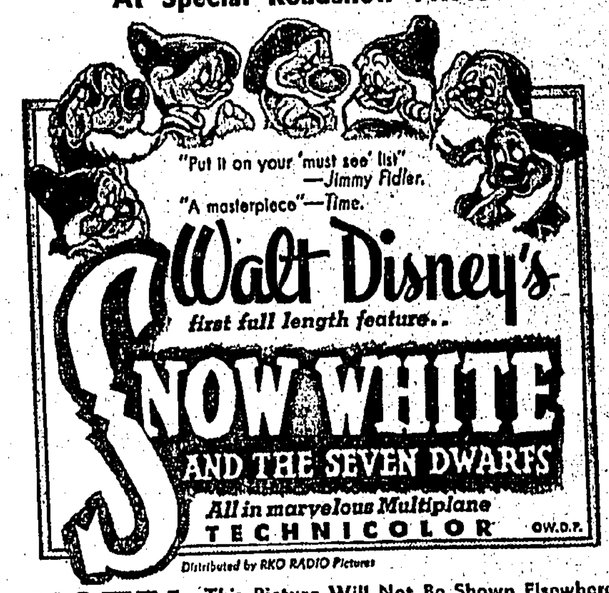

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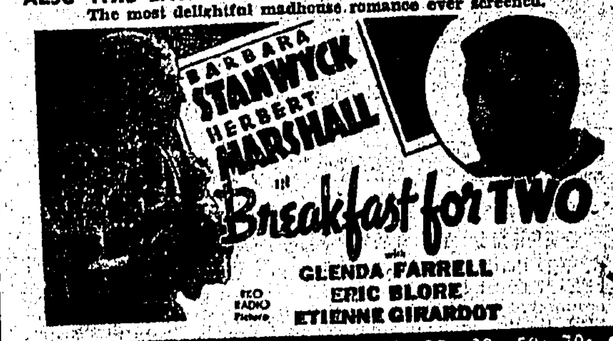

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WHITEAWAY'S

CHINESE SWEEPING THROUGH SHANSI

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Laying Siege Where Japanese Cut Off From Outside Help

Tungkwan, May 10.

Having succeeded in crossing the Yellow River, the Chinese in south Shansi are now relentlessly pushing north in a co-ordinated general counter-offensive on the Japanese forces there.

Crushing the enemy in a vengeful march, the attacking forces have already reached the areas along the Tatung-Puchow Railway. Fierce fighting has been raging between Yuntsi at the south-west corner of the province, and Linfen, to the north-east. It reached its severest in the night of May 8.

Chinese guerillas assisted the regular troops in damaging the Japanese communication lines. Several sections along the Tatung-Puchow Railway have been blown up, rendering Japanese military transport extremely difficult.

On the Yuntsi sector, the Chinese have reached a point about seven miles north of the city and are vigorously pressing on.

In the early morning of May 9, large forces fought north of Yuntsi, with the Chinese gaining the upper hand ultimately.

The Japanese in the walled city of Yusiang, east of Yungtsi, have all withdrawn to the railway station and are erecting defence works there.

The Chinese are still besieging the city of Chungyang, south of Lishih, in central Shansi. It is reported that the Japanese Garrison Commander in Chungyang has been killed. All bridges along the highways leading to the city have been damaged by the Chinese, rendering Japanese support from outside impossible.—*Central News.*

Kingshanwei Recaptured

Kinhwa, May 10.

Following a fierce attack launched by over 500 Chinese plain-clothes men, Kingshanwei, a town near the Kiangsu-Chekiang border on Hangchow Bay, was recaptured by the Chinese in the early morning of May 6, a belated report reaching here stated.

The Chinese attack was launched on the night of May 5. The

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Jews Hear Anti-Nazi Speeches At Convention

Washington, May 9.

President Roosevelt, in a message to the Jewish convention, declared "except insofar as we deplore the ill-treatment of human beings, the domestic policies of other countries are no concern of the United States.

"When, however, alien influences seek to undermine the foundations of our own institutions, we become definitely concerned."

Sigmund Livingston, a prominent Chicago lawyer, addressing the Convention, accused Nazi Germany of spreading anti-Jewish propaganda in the United States.

Mr. William B. Bankhead, Speaker of the House of Representatives, and father of Tallulah Bankhead, the film star, declared that the United States, Great Britain, Ireland and other democratic powers, constituted a "body of public opinion invulnerable in their might against assaults from any or all of the totalitarian states."—*Reuter.*

RAIDERS DELAY CONSUL'S TRAIN

Passengers Shelter In Fields When Bombers Appear

Canton, May 10.

Although the British flag was prominently displayed on the roof of the express train in which the British Consul-General at Hankow, Mr. G. S. Moss, and Mrs. Moss were travelling, the party had to leave the train a few miles outside Canton and take to the fields, when an air raid alarm was sounded at 6 o'clock this morning.

The train arrived at Canton at 7.35 a.m., delayed by the air raid.

Four planes flew over Tungshan, but it is believed that no bombs were dropped. Chinese reports that heavy anti-aircraft fire brought down one of the raiders are not yet confirmed.

Delay in the arrival of the train caused Mr. Moss to miss the 8 a.m. river steamer for Hongkong, and he will probably take to-morrow's steamer.

Two Japanese women and one Japanese child who were also passengers in the train made a hectic dash from the station to the wharf, and managed to scramble aboard just as the ship was casting off. They looked pale and worried, but stated that they had a pleasant journey from Hankow, the Chinese train officials showing them every kindness. A military guard was placed on the wharf at Canton to assure that no harm came to the refugees.

Meanwhile, the air alarm is still on throughout Canton.—*Reuter.*

BIG HOTEL PLANNED FOR PEIPING

Peiping, May 10.

The Chinese press in Peiping announces that local authorities are planning to build a big hotel for foreign tourists within the Summer Palace, five miles north-west of Peiping.

The hotel is intended as an added attraction at the "most important tourist centre" in the Far East.—*United Press.*

JAPANESE ATTEMPT FAMILIAR STRATEGY

Claim Swift Gains On Lunghai Drive

Hankow, May 10.

Chinese reports state that heavy fighting has been raging in northern Anhwei for the past 24 hours. It has been of a particularly see-saw nature, first the Japanese and then the Chinese gaining the upper hand.

Fighting in the Mengcheng area, sixty miles northwest of Pengpu, has been most vicious. The Chinese forces finally captured the city yesterday.

The Japanese spear-head at Mengcheng is 10,000 strong. Supported by heavy artillery and a dozen bombers, the Japanese are endeavouring to cut the line of communications between Lunghai and Kweiteh, and thus outflank the Chinese at Hsuchow.

Meanwhile, only minor skirmishes are reported from the southern Shantung flanks.—*United Press.*

SWIFT PROGRESS CLAIMED

Shanghai, May 10.

In a three-pronged thrust at the Chinese from the south, Japanese forces to-day were moving rapidly towards China's "Hindenburg Line" area extending along the Lunghai Railway.

Following the launching on May 4 of their offensive, that broke the comparative quiet prevailing in the southern Tientsin-Pukow sector since February, Japanese troops had scored gains of more than 50 kilometres along a wide front, straddling the railway line.

Near the sea, to the east, Japanese forces were in occupation of Fowning, taken on May 7. The central column to-day was pressing on Kuchen, on the Tientsin-Pukow railway, while to the west they held Mengcheng.

The capture of Mengcheng on May 8, a Japanese military spokesman told foreign correspondents here this morning, resulted in unhitching the Chinese right wing from its moorings in the form of strong permanent defences. The Chinese, he admitted, had offered stubborn resistance before suddenly retreating from Mengcheng.

The spokesman revealed that two Japanese Army fliers—both of them lieutenants—had almost bombed their own infantrymen, so sudden was the Chinese retirement.

When swooping over the town, the flier, who believed Mengcheng to be still in Chinese hands, saw a large white cloth on the ground. Looking towards the western gate, they saw khaki-clad Japanese troops marching in.

Dipping to within 100 metres of the rooftops, the fliers exchanged greetings with the ground troops by waving handkerchiefs, the spokesman said.—*Domei.*

PLANES ASSIST

Shanghai, May 10.

Assisting the Army's concerted push towards Hsuchow, Japanese naval aircraft yesterday bombed the station, godowns and supplies at Suhsien station, south of Hsuchow on the Tientsin-Puchow Railway, a Japanese naval spokesman announced to-day.

Other aerial units attacked Chinese troops concentrated at Sinanchen and neighbouring villages along the Lunghai railway, as well as Chinese freight trains, supply depots and marching

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Japanese Bid For Air Record

Tokyo, May 10.

Seeking to win the world's endurance flight record for Japan, the "Wings of the Century", a specially-built experimental monoplane took off from here at 5:00 o'clock this morning for an 80-hour test.

The machine, capable of making a round-the-world flight in three stops, will cruise around a quadrangular course in Central Japan bounded by Kisarazu, Chosi, Ota, and Hiratsuka, all within a 100-mile radius of Tokyo.

The giant, single-motored monoplane passed its ground and flight tests at the Haneda airport on April 17.—*Domei.*

CAPTURED BY INSURGENTS—These war-bedraggled soldiers are Loyalists taken prisoner by the Insurgents who recaptured the long fought over Spanish city of Teruel. The Insurgents asserted that Loyalists "in great numbers" were deserting Government trenches in the Teruel sector. Since then many Britons in the International Brigade have been killed or captured. There may be some in this group.

Shanghai Man Who "Died" In 1929 Still Alive?

San Francisco, May 9.

A private detective agent has testified in the Federal Court here that William A. Chapman, an ex-clerk in the U.S. Court in Shanghai, who was believed to have committed suicide nine years ago, is still alive and prosperous, and is living in Los Angeles.

Chapman served a three year prison sentence for embezzling U.S.$30,000 United States funds in China, and disappeared when he was released.

The U.S. Treasury has carried out an extensive search for the missing man, because he was a vital witness to enable the Government to collect $30,000 from bond-holders who had guaranteed him.

Four of the five bondsmen are now dead and their estates have been liquidated. Government is now seeking $11,000 from Mrs. Carl S. Hites, widow of one of the bondsmen. Mr. Hites was formerly a lumber dealer in Shanghai.—*United Press.*

CZECHS FIGHTING ELECTION

Many Parties In Disturbed State

Britain Hopes To Mediate

Prague, May 10.

With the lifting of the prohibition on political meetings which expired on Sunday and the formal announcement that the communal elections will be held in roughly 2,500 communes on May 29, the centre of political gravity has been shifted to domestic politics in Czecho-Slovakia.

The agitation for the elections is in full swing.

No fewer than 21 party lists have been drawn up and the Czechs alone are split into 18 groups.

The National Union, that is the right wing block formed by the late Premier Kramarcz and other Party leaders for the elections in 1935, is in a state of complete dissolution, having split into four groups, namely: The National Union, the Czecho-Slovak National Democrats, the National League and the Anti-Henlein Citizens Bloc".—*Trans-Ocean.*

PEACE MAKERS ACTIVE

London, May 10.

The British Government yesterday informed the Soviet Government through the British Ambassador in Moscow, Lord Chilston, of the step taken by the British Government at Prague for bringing about a peaceful solution of the Sudeten German problem.

Lord Chilston, according to reports from Moscow, pointed out that the British Government intends to establish contact with the German Government also for a discussion in this matter.—*Trans-Ocean.*

Government Seeks Votes Of $215,375

New Territories Road To Cost $103,717

Supplementary expenditure votes totalling $215,375 will be asked for at the next meeting of the Finance Committee of the Legislative Council to be held on Thursday.

Biggest individual item is $103,717 for widening and surfacing the road from Sheung Shui to Muk Fu Ferry in the New Territories.

Among the most interesting items is that of $9,000 as additional subsidy for broadcasting. It is explained that although the present subsidy represents an increase over the 1937 grant, it is inadequate for the growing needs of the service. A Chinese studio has now been provided and its equipment, together with additional staff, and the replenishment of old and worn out records, are amongst the immediate requirements. It is pointed out that the number of licences in force on March 31, 1938 shows an increase of about 28 per cent. over the figure for 1937.

Another grant asked for is $4,000 for a refrigerator for the Queen Mary Hospital. Anti-Malarial work in the New Territories demands another $5,000. The conversion of buildings in Arsenal Yard as workshops requires $24,000, and Fire Brigade transport, because of the abnormal number of smallpox patients to be conveyed across the harbour has almost exhausted the original vote of $940, requires a further grant of $1,200.

MONEY FOR STAMPS

Another item of interest is that of $22,000 for Post Office stamps. The estimates provision was $15,000 but this was approximate only as no figures were available as to the cost of the dies, etc., for the new issue.

Stamps for the old issue, to the value of $1,113 provided for and ordered in 1937, have been paid for in 1938. A sum of $1,191 under this head lapsed in 1937. The sale of stamps has increased considerably, and it is considered advisable to procure further supplies to avoid any possible shortage of stock. For this the supplementary vote of $22,000 is requested.

ROOSEVELT RETURNS

Washington, May 9.

President Roosevelt returned to the White House at 8 o'clock this morning, terminating an eight-day fishing trip.—*United Press.*

FOUR-POWER PACT'S CONDITIONS SETTLED

Berlin Reports Dictators In Accord

Berlin, May 9.

Sources close to foreign diplomats say that Herr Hitler and Signor Mussolini have agreed upon the conditions which Western Powers must meet before Italy and Germany will agree to any Four-Power Pact.

It is stated that the possibility of a "new Locarno" was discussed at considerable length by the two dictators, Count Ciano and Herr von Ribbentrop participating in the discussions.

The dictators are believed to have agreed that a Four-Power Pact would considerably strengthen European peace, but any such Pact must include, firstly, recognition by Western Powers of mutual Italo-German interests and the service of the Rome-Berlin axis; secondly; France and Great Britain must withdraw from Czecho-Slovakia and abandon attempts to limit German expansion eastwards; and, thirdly, the military alliance between France and Soviet Russia must be abandoned.

Nazi sources realise that the terms are hardly likely to be accepted by either France or Great Britain. However, they believe that cautious diplomacy might overcome many obstacles.

In the meantime, the Berlin newspapers remain silent regarding the possibility of a Four-Power Pact.

Diplomatic and political circles nevertheless speak enthusiastically of the readiness of both Italy and Germany to enter into negotiations.—*United Press.*

King Travels By Plane On R. A. F. Inspection

SEES BRITAIN'S LATEST SPEED BOMBERS

London, May 9.

Travelling in an Airspeed envoy plane piloted by the Captain of the King's Flight, the King made visits to-day to four Royal Air Force stations, leaving Windsor Castle early this morning and arriving at Hendon this evening. The King flew some 200 miles in the course of his inspection, which included a station in each of the Royal Air Force Home Commands.

During the tour His Majesty saw a fly past of Britain's fastest fighter aircraft, and also saw the fastest bomber in service in any country.—*British Wireless.*

CANADIAN BRIGADE SHATTERS INSURGENTS

Penetrates Deeply Behind Franco's Lines

Hendaye, May 9.

The remnants of two Canadian Brigades in the International Brigade reorgnised by the Loyalists have penetrated deeply behind the Insurgents' Mediterranean spear-head, and have seized positions dominating the highway terminus with Cuevas Devinroma.

A Loyalist report, which, incidentally, is denied by the Insurgents, states that the surprise thrust carried the Canadian Brigades nearly 10 miles to the rear of General Franco's vanguard at Torreblanca.

In driving rain, artillery, trench mortars and heavy tanks joined in attacking the Insurgents entrenched in the hill above Cuevas Devinroma. The Canadians charged the slopes in groups of ten, and suffered enormous casualties in reaching the summit.

They hastily fortified their newly gained strategic positions in anticipation of an Insurgent counter-offensive which, however, has failed to materialise.—*United Press.*

Russian Cheka In Spain

London, May 9.

Spain figured largely in the House of Commons at question time to-day.

Asked if he was aware that branches of the Russian Cheka had for a considerable time been in effective control not only in the Barcelona and Valencia government's courts and prisons, but among the International and Republican troops on the Government side in Spain, the Under Secretary for Foreign Affairs, Mr. H. A. Butler said that information in his possession did not confirm the statements in question.

The Prime Minister was asked if he was aware of the recent declaration of policy by the Spanish Prime Minister, Dr. Negrin, and if the Government would seek to secure peace in Spain on the basis of such terms. Mr. Chamberlain said he had seen the declaration and, regarding the second part of the question, the Government was prepared at any time, at the request of either of the contending parties, to lend its offices with a view to securing an agreement for a settlement of the conflict. It was not in accordance with Government's policy to impose a settlement on either side.

Questions were also answered regarding claims for compensation from the Spanish Insurgent authorities.—*British Wireless.*

STOP PRESS

SMALLPOX STILL BOTHERS COLONY

Smallpox in Hongkong increased yesterday by seven new cases, bringing the total to 2,227 in 1938. During the week ending May 7, 35 cases were reported, and 38 deaths registered.

Yesterday's report by the Health Authorities also shows two cases of enteric fever, two of measles, four of dysentery, two of meningitis and one of chickenpox.

During the week ending May 7, there were eight cases of diphtheria, with three deaths, five cases of enteric fever, 20 cases of measles, with six deaths, 20 cases of meningitis, 8 deaths, seven cases of dysentery, 4 deaths, one case of chickenpox and one of typhus.

(*Further Stop Press News on Page 12.*)

Case Argued On Ancient English Laws

Guarantors Must Pay On Bond Breach

On behalf of His Majesty the King, the Attorney-General brought an action before Mr. Justice R.E. Lindsell in the Summary Court this morning against Yip Kai-cheung and Yip Ka-cheung, claiming $1,000 for alleged breach of a bond, for which they stood sureties.

Mr. E. H. Williams, Assistant Attorney-General, instructed by Mr. M. J. Abbott, Assistant Crown Solicitor, appeared for plaintiff, and defendants were represented by Mr. C. A. S. Russ.

Mr. Williams said defendants were sureties in a bond which was between His Majesty the King and one Li Sang. Sometime in October last, Li applied to the S.C.A. to become licensee of a boarding house under the Asiatic Emigrants Ordinance, 1915, and the Boarding House Ordinance, 1917. By rule 3 of the Boarding House Ordinance, every applicant for a licence must enter into a bond with two sureties approved by the S.C.A. in the sum of $1,000. The licencee was also to observe the rules and regulations.

The two sureties in this case were the defendants, who signed a bond with the applicant on November 2 last at the S.C.A. At the time the licence was issued, Li was given a copy of the Boarding House rules and it was known that this had been displayed in the premises.

According to rule 33 of the Ordinance, the licencee must not absent himself from the premises without the permission of the S.C.A. That permission was frequently asked for and seldom refused.

LICENCEE VANISHES

On March 16 last, a person who had been staying at the boarding house, which was for emigrants to Singapore, gave certain information to the S.C.A. in consequence of which a policeman was sent to the premises. It was then found that the licencee had been absent for four days. A search for him was made for about a week but no trace of him had been found. No permission for his absence had been applied for, and the boarding house had since been closed.

The bond, continued Counsel, was a penal bond and, according to the rules, it was deemed a debt due to the Crown if a breach of the conditions was committed. Defendants were asked to pay the $1,000 but they denied liability.

BASED ON OLD LAWS

The Crown's case, Mr. Williams submitted, was that this sum was recoverable in whole. The submission, he said, was based on the act of Henry VIII, which stipulated that all Crown's debts were recoverable, and not on the statute of William III, which had no reference to the Crown at all.

Mr. Russ admitted all the facts, but said his two points were that the figure was an arbitrary one fixed without reference to any loss, and that the same penalty was enforced for breaches of comparatively great and comparatively small importance. He further submitted that the Crown must rely on the act of William III, for the bond came within its scope.

His Lordship said that what was left of this act was merely procedural, and Mr. Russ then asked the Court to interfere as to the reasonableness of the penalty and to exercise its equitable jurisdiction that without loss the Crown could recover no more than nominal damages.

Mr. Williams replied that the amount was named in the bond, and if equity was to be taken into consideration, the Court would be obliged to place some figure on every section of the Ordinance. It had been laid down that the sureties were liable for the amount fixed.

His Lordship gave judgment for plaintiff, with costs, saying that the Court could not interfere to consider the reasonableness or otherwise of the statutory penalty.

Devonport Seaman Killed In Dorsetshire

The identity of the rating, who was found shot dead on H.M.S. Dorsetshire when the cruiser was near Cairns, North Queensland, on her return voyage from Australia to Hongkong, has now been revealed by the Naval authorities.

He is Leading Seaman Robert E. Dickinson, of Devonport.

The authorities here are still in the dark regarding the circumstances surrounding the death of Dickinson. At present all that is known is that he was found dead as a result of a gunshot wound.

A coroner's court was conducted at Cairns, but its findings have not been divulged.

In the meantime the Dorsetshire, which had planned a leisurely voyage from Australia to Hongkong, is now speeding at 16 knots for a non-stop trip from Cairns to the Colony. The cruiser is expected here within a week, and immediately she arrives, a full enquiry will be conducted by the local naval authorities.

BIG DROP IN COLONY HUMIDITY

Temperature at 10 o'clock this morning was two degrees higher than at the same time yesterday, but humidity has declined from 78 per cent. to 56 per cent.

The maximum temperature yesterday was 77, and the minimum last night was 67.

There was only a fraction of an inch of rainfall during the last 24 hours, bringing the total since January 1 to 14.78 inches, as compared with the average of 13.74 inches.

The weather report issued by the Royal Observatory this morning states that a moderate anti-cyclone covers South China, and extends northeastwards to Japan. The northern depression has moved into the Pacific, and another has developed over Manchuria. The depression of the Visayas has moved northwards. It is situated near, or over Southern Luzon, and appears to be developing into a typhoon.

Local forecast is: North and northeast winds, moderate; fine generally.

ARMED JUNK SEIZED

A Hongkong registered junk which was a miniature floating arsenal, proved a welcome haul for Japanese Destroyer No. 23, according to the report of the Master of the now missing craft.

Fong Cho-mun, 47, informed the police here that on May 5 he was sailing past the Sam Ming Customs Station in the Pearl River when an armed launch took off from the destroyer and a party carrying revolvers came on board. After a brief search, the crew was ordered into the sampan and told to row away. The junk was then towed to the destroyer and was not seen again.

On board the junk were five cannons, 200 lbs. of shot, 50 lbs. of gunpowder and 50 fuses to the total value, including the vessel, of $10,000.

STEADY UNDERTONE ON LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE

London, May 9.

The London Stock Exchange's new account opened quietly, but the undertone was steady and there was some support, believed to be Belgian, for high priced producing gold mines.

Oils and aviations were in demand.

On the Foreign Exchange the franc continued to meet with a steady demand, but control prevented appreciation. The speculative attack on the belga, arising from the French devaluation last week, continued, and while the spot rate improved against sterling, owing to official support, forward discounts widened sharply. —*Reuter Special.*

Many Traffic Cases Heard

Bus Drivers Involved In Two Mishaps

Resulting from an accident in Queen's Road East on April 23, when a motor bus collided with the traffic beacon at the junction of Murray Road, Lau Yun, driver of China Motor Bus No. 414, appeared before Mr. H. R. Butters at the Central Magistracy this morning, summoned for driving without due care and caution.

Acting Sub-Inspector B. G. Baker said that bus No. 414 was proceeding towards the Star Ferry along Queen's Road East, and turned into Murray Road in front of a west-bound tramcar. About the same time, another motor bus, No. 603, was proceeding east along Queen's Road East, and it had to swerve to the left to avoid No. 414. Bus No. 603 crashed into the beacon, smashing it and causing damage to the extent of $60, which the Bus Company had since paid.

Lau was fined $10.

Mr. Poi Eng-poh, private owner, was summoned for driving his vehicle at a dangerous speed in Hennessy Road on April 17. Traffic-Sergeant G. Youe said he drove from Causeway Bay to Arsenal Street at a speed of 40 miles per hour at 10 o'clock at night, and only on one or two occasions did his speed fall below 40 miles per hour.

Chu Kwai-fong, 35, a chauffeur, was fined $10 for driving his master's car without a licence, and $50 for driving at a dangerous speed in Lockhart Road.

A summons against Pte. J. Hart, Royal Army Service Corps, was dismissed.

A fine of $10 was imposed on Mr. Tai Wing-kwong, private owner, when he was summoned for overtaking another car on the left side.

For allowing an unlicenced driver to drive, Mr. A. R. H. Esmail, of Village Road, appeared before Mr. Butters this morning. Mrs. Esmail was also summoned for driving a car without a licence. Defendant said he understood Mrs. Esmail had been driving before in the Philippines so he let her take the wheel.

Acting Sub-Inspector Baker said Mrs. Esmail was driving very badly, so he stopped her. A total fine of $25 was imposed.

Lt. A. C. F. Drew-Wilkinson, of the 2nd Bn. Royal Scots Regiment, failed to answer a summons for having inefficient brakes on his car on April 9. The summons against him was adjourned for a week.

Ko Lam, China Motor Bus driver, appeared on an adjourned summons for driving his bus without due care and caution in Pokfulum Road on March 29. He was involved in an accident when a coolie in a funeral procession was knocked down. Mr. D. B. Evans appeared for the defence and pleaded not guilty, and Mr. M. A. da Silva appeared for the prosecution. Hearing of the case was fixed for 2.30 p.m. on May 25.

Yung Cheong-shut, 23, private chauffeur, was charged with driving a private car for the purpose of hire at Connaught Road West. He admitted the offence, and was fined $50 with the alternative of a month's hard labour.

THREE HURT IN TRAFFIC MISHAPS

Mr. A. O. C. Mills reported to the police yesterday that he knocked down a Chinese, Wong Kam, 60, in Main Street West, Shaukiwan, when driving through the area. He applied his brakes in an effort to avoid the man, but the vehicle skidded and hit Wong, who suffered injuries to his face and legs. He was taken to the Queen Mary Hospital.

Man Kam, 19, was knocked down by bus No. 835 when riding a bicycle in Prince Edward Road. He was taken to the Kowloon Hospital.

Lau Sing, a man, was also admitted to hospital when knocked down by a motor car driven by Ip Fei-sui in Nathan Road.

DEER GO ON RELIEF —

Portola, Cal.

Owing to the heavy snows which prevent deer from getting their natural food supply, two herds of 1,000 animals each are being fed by contributions taken up by sportsmen here, at Reno and the Nevada side of the state line generally.

No American Aid Yet For Victims Of Aggression

Washington, May 9.

Efforts to change the U.S. Neutrality Act, which prohibits export of war materials and arms to belligerents, are apparently doomed, at least for the current session of Congress.

Strenuous efforts have been made to alter the Act in order to enable exports to be sent to the Loyalists in Spain and to China.

President Roosevelt this morning met his Secretary of State, Mr. Cordell Hull, and several Congress members on the subject of the Neutrality Act. However, Mr. S. Rayburn, Majority Leader in the House of Representatives, emphasised that his personal view was opposed to re-opening the question at present.

Mr. S. McReynolds, Democrat member of the House for Tennessee, flatly stated this afternoon that the Neutrality Act will not be repealed.

Mr. Cordell Hull has prepared a detailed report on the operation of the Act, particularly with reference to the Spanish and Sino-Japanese wars.—*United Press.*

HITLER LEAVING ITALY

Rome, May 9.

Herr Adolf Hitler left for Florence this morning on his way back to Germany.

Signor Mussolini, who had seen the Fuehrer off, followed in another special train.

Il Duce's train having overtaken that in which the German Chancellor was travelling, Signor Mussolini was able to welcome Herr Hitler when he arrived in Florence.

The splendour of mediaeval Italy lived again in honour of the German dictator. Florence was in its gayest colours, which were enhanced by bright, spring sunshine.

Before leaving Italy, Herr Hitler is expected to visit Mussolini's birthplace, where he will lay wreaths on the graves of Il Duce's ancestors.—*Reuter.*

LAST APPEARANCE

Florence, May 9.

A great shout emanating from ten thousand throats shook the air when Herr Hitler and Signor Mussolini came out on the gold-draped balcony of the thirteenth-century palace here for their last appearance before the Italian people.

Their appearance was heralded by trumpeters clad in fifteenth century costumes, who blew a gay fanfare on silver instruments.

Seven times the two dictators showed themselves during twelve minutes.

The visit of the two dictators brought many visitors to Florence, but it was observed that none were allowed in the narrowest streets except soldiers, police and Black Shirts.

The animated murmur of conversation in street cafes competed with the biting roar of aeroplanes cruising overhead throughout the day.

Herr Hitler, in a statement just before his departure for the frontier, said: "It has been too beautiful. I particularly noticed the truly remarkable friendliness of the Italian people."—*Reuter Special.*

Missing Sailor Reappears

Given up for lost after weeks of search by Philippine Islands police had failed to locate him, James Horkins, a 20-year-old A.B. in H.M.S. Decoy, walked into the British Consul-General's office in Manila on Friday last week, and informed the Consul General, Mr. P. S. Stephens, that he was a deserter from the destroyer.

Horkins disappeared from H.M.S. Decoy on March 6, two days after the destroyer flotilla attached to China Squadron arrived at the Philippines capital from the Singapore manoeuvres.

He will be sent to Hongkong.

Claims $4,859 For Short Coal Delivery

Responsibility Argued In Supreme Court

A claim for $4,859.02, being the price of 174 tons of coal allegedly short in delivery, was brought by the Hang Shun and Co. against the Kwong Sang Lung, before the Chief Justice, Sir Atholl MacGregor, in the Supreme Court this morning.

Mr. H. C. Macnamara, instructed by Mr. G. S. Hugh-Jones, was for the plaintiffs, while the Hon. Mr. Lee D'Almada, Jnr., instructed by Mr. H. A. de B. Botelho, appeared for defendants.

Mr. Macnamara said his clients entered into a contract with defendants on October 19, 1937 for the purchase of a cargo of coal due to arrive by the s.s. Haidis on November 5. They had paid to defendants $44,700, this being the purchase price for 1,603.5 tons of coal, but when the shipment arrived only 1,429.5 tons were delivered. Plaintiffs now claimed the value of the balance.

Continuing, Counsel said the defence was that they had delivered to his clients the whole cargo over the ship's side and had got no receipt whatever. Each of the parties alleged that the property and the risk was in the other.

After dealing with the correspondence, Counsel said it was for His Lordship to say whether there had been a new agreement between the parties whereby the ownership of the coal changed hands when the cargo was taken away from the ship's side. He submitted that the defendants were the owners of the coal, that they had full control of the cargo and that they had the right to dispose of it in whatever way they wished.

QUESTION OF RISK

Mr. Cheung Yin-cho, managing partner of plaintiff firm, said he received a letter on November 4 informing him that the cargo was due the next day and that under the contract 90 per cent. of the purchase price had to be paid on delivery. As he had not enough money at the time he went to see Mr. Lo Wing-chi, managing partner of defendant firm, and arrived at an agreement whereby the cargo was to be stored in defendants' godown at his expense for one week. It was, however, never agreed that storage was to be at his own risk.

The Haidis arrived the next day and he received a letter from defendant confirming the agreement. His firm took delivery of 100 tons direct from the ship and the remainder was left in defendants' godown.

On December 20 last, his firm obtained an order for 700 tons but they were able to obtain only 680.5 tons from the godown. Prior to this, the whole sum in respect of the cargo had been paid. Defendants sent a receipt but he refused to sign it as he could not get the 700 tons, and he had never at any time issued a receipt for 1,603.5 tons.

The case is proceeding.

Nazis Behead Dutchman On Secret Charge

Amsterdam, Apr. 22.

After lying in a Nazi jail for more than four months under sentence of death, Willy Cammans, a 44-year-old Dutchman, was beheaded to-day.

Nobody, not even his family, was told what his crime was—merely that he had committed "high treason."

Cammans was born in Germany of Dutch parents, and served in the German army as a boy, without losing his Dutch nationality.

After the Armistice Cammans set himself up as a shoemaker at Venlo, on the German border of Holland, and married a Dutch woman.

He often went to Germany on business, and on one of these trips he was arrested and thrown into prison. He did not come out again, and his wife heard not another word from him.

The execution took place in face of official protests by the Dutch Government, and the help of a Dutch lawyer was refused. The trial being secret, no report ever reached Holland, and even the death sentence was made known to Mrs. Cammans in a roundabout manner.

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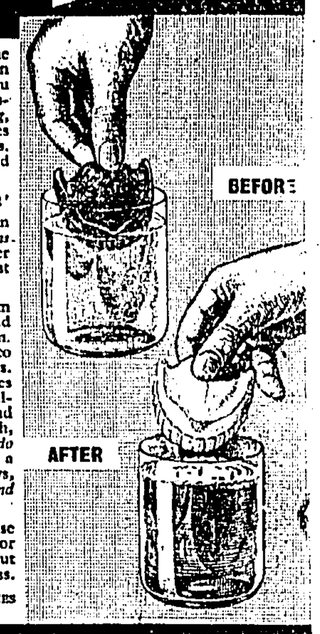

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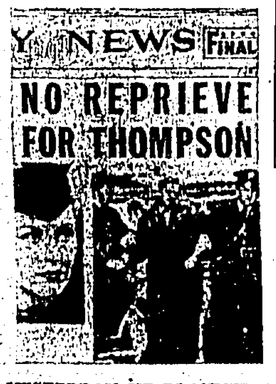

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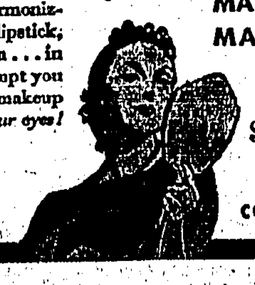

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Mussolini Criticises Pope Pius

Sequel To Attack On Swastika

Rome, May 9.

A reply to the recent attack on the swastika flag by His Holiness the Pope was made by Signor Benito Mussolini's newspaper, *Popolo d'Italia*, this morning.

Addressing 500 newly-married couples last week, the Pope deplored the appearance of the Nazi swastika in Rome. "The swastika is certainly not Christ's Cross", he declared.

"We should like to say to the Father of all us Catholics that it is very dangerous to speak of the Cross of Christ, and wave it above as if it were a weapon," said *Popolo d'Italia* this morning.

"One would then find oneself in the threatening and grinning company of Masonic money-lenders and Bolsheviks, without even having in one's hand the whip with which to drive them from the Temple of God, and to remain alone, desperately alone, praying, praying, praying!"

"You may understand how necessary it is for you to pray, pray, pray for the mercy of the Almighty in His largeness," His Holiness concluded his protest last week against the beflagging of Rome with the swastika. —*Reuter.*

MR. J. S. DAVIS GIVEN AMBASSADOR'S POST

Washington, May 9.

President Roosevelt has nominated Mr. Joseph S. Davis, the well-known economist, as U.S. Ambassador to Belgium.

The new Ambassador is well-known in England, which he visited in war and post-war years on various missions. He was a member of the Allied Maritime Transport Council in London in 1917-18, and was Assistant Statistician to the American Shipping Mission to London in 1917. He rendered valuable assistance as Technical Assistant to the American members of the Dawes Commission in 1919.—*United Press.*

BRITISH PROTEST REJECTED

London-Born Woman Confined In Russia Alone In Cell

Moscow, May 9.

The Soviet Government has rejected the British Government's Note of Protest at the detention of Rose Cohen, a woman Communist who has been undergoing solitary confinement in a Russian prison since September last year.

The Soviet reply to the British Note emphatically declared that Rose Cohen is a Soviet citizen.

The British Note to the Soviet stated that Britain took a very grave view of the unsatisfactory state of affairs revealed by the Cohen affair, which disregarded the elementary principles of international comity.

Rose Cohen has been for many years foreign editor of the semi-official Moscow *Daily News*. She was born in London in 1894 but married a Russian.—*Reuter.*

FRENCH ADMIRAL VISITS MACAO

Macao, May 9.

Paying a courtesy call at the port of Macao, the French sloop Dumont Duville with Vice Admiral Le Bigot, Commander-in-Chief of the French squadron, arrived from Hongkong to-day at 8 a.m. Salvos were exchanged between the visiting warship and the port, and Lieut. M. Pinto, A.D.C. to H.E. the Governor, called on board to convey the respects of the Governor.

The distinguished visitor landed at 10 a.m. and after inspecting the guard of honour made an official call on His Excellency.

A large company of the leading officials attended the luncheon given at Government House in honour of the French admiral, and H.E. Dr. Tamagnini Barbosa was among the guests of the French admiral on the Dumont Duville.

The French warship will leave for Hongkong to-morrow morning.

Loyalists Won't Treat With Enemy

Will Fight On To Day Of Victory

London, May 9.

Reports of mediation in the Spanish Civil War were emphatically repudiated by Senor Del Vayo, the Spanish Government delegate to the League Council meeting, in a statement issued at Geneva last night.

According to the official *Spanish Press Agency*, the statement declares that nobody has been authorised to open conversations or negotiations for the conclusion of an armistice in Spain.

No armistice or mediation is possible between the Independent people of Spain and the German and Italian invaders.

The statement concludes by emphasising that the Spanish Republic will resist until the end—namely, until victory.—*Reuter.*

"SURRENDER" FRANCO'S ONLY PEACE TERM

Berlin, May 9.

Herr Joachim von Ribbentrop, former German Ambassador to London, who returned to Berlin recently from Burgos, declared to-day that unconditional surrender was the only solution of the Spanish Civil War acceptable to the Insurgent leader, General Franco.

This was made clear in an official statement by the Insurgents, in reply to Geneva reports of a Loyalist move for an Armistice and peace.—*Reuter.*

SCOTTISH CENTRES OF LEARNING IN NEED OF FUNDS

London, May 9.

The four Scottish universities are stated to be "hard up," according to a report issued regarding their financial situation.

The report recommends they be given grants totalling £43,000 annually. If the recommendations are adopted, Glasgow University will receive £21,000 annually; Edinburgh University £13,000; St. Andrew's £5,000 and Aberdeen University £4,000.—*Reuter.*

CHINESE CONTINUE TO HARASS REAR OF INVADING ARMY

No Hesitation Admitting Enemy's Recent Gains

Hsuchow, May 10.

Having failed in their repeated attempts to capture Hsuchow, the Japanese command is reported to have changed its tactics on the Tientsin-Pukow Railway front.

A new southward drive by heavy reinforcements from Lincheng and Tsining, with Kweiteh on the Lunghai Railway as objective, has been launched by the Japanese.

Meanwhile, the main Japanese force on the north bank of the Hwai River is advancing vigorously toward Mengcheng, about 80 kilometres north-west of Hwaiyuan, by the Mengcheng-Hwaiyan highway. After reaching Mengcheng, the Japanese expect to push directly northward to close in on Kweiteh.

Temporarily the Japanese troops on both the north and south sectors of Tientsin-Pukow Railway and east of the railway line are taking the defensive.

The Japanese from Tsining have been halted at Kinsiang. A Chinese mobile unit is attacking their rear to harass their advance.

Sanguinary fighting has been raging along the Mengcheng-Hwaiyuan highway since May 6. Lungkang has been taken by the Japanese. The Chinese are holding their lines about four miles east of Mengcheng.

Large units of Chinese guerillas west of the Hwai River have now swung into action to menace the rear of the Japanese attacking Mengcheng. —*Central News.*

Denies Chinese Claims

Shanghai, May 9.

A Japanese spokesman to-night emphatically denied Chinese reports of the re-occupation of Nantungchow.

Japanese planes, he said, continued heavy air raids on the Lunghai and Tientsin-Pukow railways and South China area.—*United Press.*

Japanese Weakened

Hankow, May 9.

Referring to Chinese guerilla activities in the vicinity of Peiping, General Hsu Pei-ken disclosed to-day that Chinese forces had attacked Laisui, Kaopeitien and Liuliho, along the Pingshan Railway, on April 29, Lukouchiao, Mentoku and Tungchow on May 4 and 5, and Chinglungchiao on May 7.

At Chochow, 1,000 Manchukuo troops had deserted to the Chinese forces, and the total Japanese forces in the Peiping and Tientsin areas at present was only three regiments.

"Insufficiency of troops is beginning to tell on the Japanese everywhere, and they now realise that they must give up huge tracts of previously conquered territory if they want to concentrate large forces anywhere, such as on the Tientsin-Pukow front."—*United Press.*

Evacuating Shansi

Hankow, May 10.

The Japanese evacuation of South Shansi and the massing of almost the entire Japanese forces in China for the battle for Hsuchow represented the highlights of the military situation, declared a Chinese army spokesman to-day, reviewing developments during the past week.

Comparing the present Japanese invasion to the Mongol invasion of the Thirteenth Century, the spokesman stressed the impossibility of any foreign race conquering China, since the Mongol garrisons scattered throughout China later were either wiped out or compelled to surrender.

Reviewing the situation in south Shantung, the spokesman said the main body of Chinese forces in the Tangcheng sector had circled around Tancheng, and were at present approaching Linyi. A Chinese column operating west of Tancheng had prevented the Japanese there from forming a junction with the Japanese forces north of Pihsien.

Japanese Halted

The main battle on the south Shantung front, the spokesman stated, had taken place east of Talerchwang. The Chinese counter-attacked on May 3, advancing seven miles, while the Chinese wings were closing in with a gap of only two kilometres separating them. The Chinese left flank, south-west of Yihsien, had fallen back slightly but the Japanese advance had been altered and there was no change in the situation at Hanchwang, where the Chinese and Japanese were opposing each other across the Grand Canal.

Continuing, the spokesman said the Japanese were massing 20,000 men in west Shantung for a drive towards Kweiteh, west of Hsuchowfu.

On the Peiping-Hankow railway front the Japanese totalled only one division which was scattered at Sinhsiang, Ponai, Fengchiu and Taming. The main body of the Japanese in Shansi were holding the Tungchow-Pukow railway between Taiyuanfu and Fengyang, with small detachments at Fenglinghu, opposite Tungkwan.

Falling Back

One division in west Shansi had fallen back towards Fengyang following the Chinese occupation of Bishih and Chungyang.

The Japanese are rushing reinforcements to west Suiyuan from Charhar to stem the Chinese advance on Kwelsui. The spokesman said they were also massing four divisions south of Hsuchowfu.

Another column, advancing northwards along the railway, had been stopped south of Kucheng, while a column proceeding towards Kweiteh, by way of Hwaiyuan, Mengcheng and Pochow, had been halted at Mengcheng.

Yangtse Situation

Reviewing the situation in the Yangtse valley yesterday, a Chinese spokesman said that Japanese troops had occupied Chaohsien, opposite Wuhu, on April 30.

Chinese troops from Hofei advanced eastwards to meet the Japanese, and severe fighting was now in progress at Wanchiashan, north of Chaohsian.

The situation, pointed out the spokesman, was not important, as the total Japanese strength was relatively small.

Japanese troops from Yenchen who were advancing northwards along the sea-coast have been halted at Kouancheng, south of Fuling. Japanese claims to have occupied Fuling on May 6 are believed to be premature, as Chinese troops had communicated to headquarters the information that on Monday the situation at Fuling was still obscure.

Turning to the situation south of the Yangtse, the Chinese spokesman declared that Chinese forces were attacking Fuyang, on the north bank of the Chientang River, and the capital of Chekiang province.

In Kiangsu, the Chinese were attacking Liyang and Yihsing, and latest reports indicated they were only four miles from the latter city. At Liyang they were approaching the city wall, thus interrupting highway communication between Nanking and Hangchow.—*Reuter.*

JAPAN SEES SIGNIFICANCE IN TREATY

Tokyo, May 9.

Referring to reports of possible Italo-Japanese friction as a result of the Agreement between Britain and Italy, Mr. Koki Hirota, the Japanese Foreign Minister, made the following statement to the press to-night:

"There have been various reports purporting to give the impression that the Anglo-Italian accord will take its tenets from the Japanese Italo-German anti-Comintern agreement.

"Nothing can be further from the truth. Close co-operation between Japan, Italy and Germany is provided for in the anti-Comintern Pact, which cannot under any circumstances be affected by any agreement between Great Britain, Italy and Germany.

"Rather, the co-operation of Great Britain with Italy and Germany can be deemed her approach to the anti-Comintern alignment, while the Anglo-French alignment seems primarily aimed at securing the peace of Europe."—*United Press.*

NEW YORK CHINESE CELEBRATE UNITY

New York, May 9.

Every Chinese business firm was closed to-day for the celebration of the unity of China and the recent Chinese victories against Japan.

Six aeroplanes, piloted by Chinese fliers, flew overhead during a monster parade by local Chinese.—*Reuter.*

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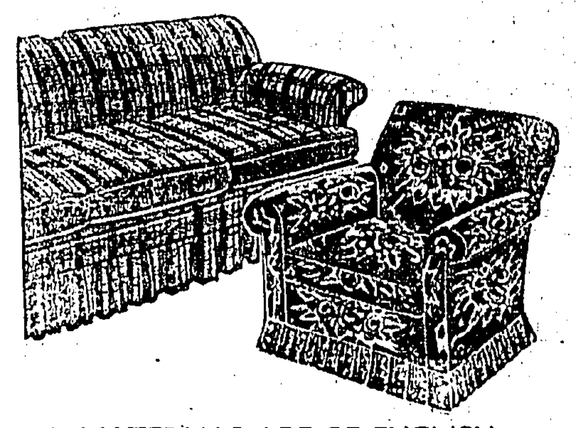

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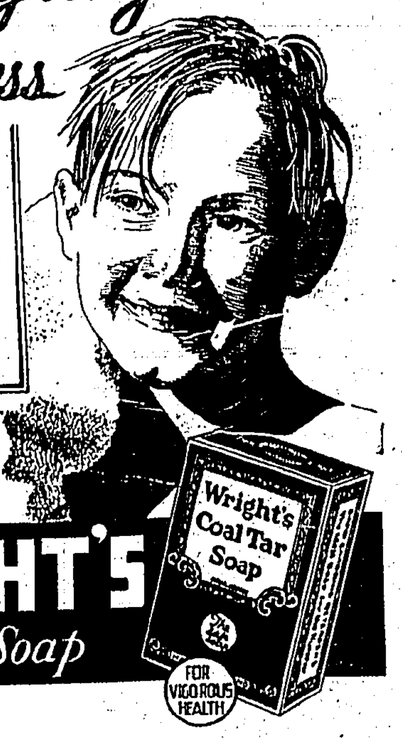

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YESTERDAY'S CABLED QUOTATIONS

London, May 9.

	May 6.	May 9.
War Loan, 3½% (Red. after 1952)	£101.9/10	£101⅝
Canton-Kowloon Rly 5%	25	25
Chinese 4½% Gold Loan, 1898 (British Issue)	28	28
Chinese 5% Gold Bonds, 1925-47	81	81
Chinese 4½% Anglo-French Loan, 1908	94	94
Chinese 5% Crisp Loan, 1912	60½	60½
Chinese 5% Reorg. Loan, 1913 (Ldn. Is.)	72¼	72¾
Chinese 5% Sterling Notes, 1925 (Vickers)	21½	22½
Chinese Imperial Rly 5% Loan	80	80
Honan Rly 5%, 1905	45	45
Hukuang Rly 5%, 1911	30½	37
Hukuang Rly 5%, 1911 (German Issue)	34	34
Lung Tsing & U. Hai Rly. 5% 1913	24	24½
Shanghai-Nanking Rly. 5%	43	43
Tientsin-Pukow Rly. 5% (Brit. Stpd.)	34	34
Tientsin-Pukow Rly. 5% (Ger. Stpd.)	34	34
Tientsin-Pukow Rly. 5% (Brit. Stpd. Supl. Loan)	34	34
Tientsin-Pukow Rly. 5% (Ger. Stpd. Supl. Loan)	34	34
Japan 5% Sterling Loan, 1907	44½	45½
Japan 6% Sterling Loan, 1924	53½	52½ xx
German 7% International Loan, 1924	50½	50½
Chartered Bank of I.A. & C.	12⅝	12⅝
H.K. & S'hai Banking Corp. (Ldn. Reg.)	93	93½
H.K. & S'hai Banking Corp. (Col. Reg.)	95¾	96½
Chinese Engineering & Mining (bearer)	16/3	10/3
Chosen Corporation	8/1½	8/1½
Pekin Syndicate	2/0 Nom.	2/0 Nom.
S'hai Elec & Construction Co.	30/- Nom.	30/- Nom.
S'hai Waterworks Co. "A"	24½ Nom.	24½ Nom.
Union Insurance Society of Canton	31½ Nom.	31½ Nom.
Gula Kalumpong Rubber	20/7½	20/7½
Allied Ironfounders	23/0	24/3
Assoc. & Elec. Industries	38/-	37/10½
Austin Motors, ord.	27/9	27/4½
Cable & Wireless, New Form, ord.	59½	58½
British-American Tobacco (bearer)	105/7½	105/-
Cammell Laird, ord.	8/3	8/-
Mexican Eagle	4/7½	5/-
Courtaulds	39/-	39/-
Distillers	95/0	95/9
Dunlop Rubber	28/6	28/6
General Elec. (England)	74/10½	74/9
Guinness (A) Son & Co.	117/0	117/6
Hawker Siddeley Aircraft	29/-	29/6
Bristol Aeroplane	53/1½	53/7½
Imperial Chemical Indus.	31/6	31/6
Imperial Tobacco	135/7½	139/7½
Marks & Spencer "A"	58/6	57/6 xd
Rolls Royce	91/3	91/3
Leyland Motors	84/4½	84/3
Tate & Lyle	78/6	79/6
Turner & Newall	81/9	81/10½
United Steel	24/10½	24/7½
Smethwick Drop Forgings	20/-	19/6
Armstrong Stevens, ord.	7/6	7/- xd
Pressed Steel, ord.	16/3	15/- xd
Vickers, ord.	22/4½	22/-
Woolworths	64/7½	64/10½
Anglo-Dutch	25/6	25/6
Rubber Plantation Investment Trust	24/6	24/3 xd
Burma Corporation	9/9	9/9
Commonwealth Mining	1/9	1/9
Marsman Investments	11/4½	11/6
Randfontein Estates	35/-	35/3
Exploration Co.	2/3	2/3
Sub-Nigel	200/-	202/6
Tanami Gold Mining	6 d	6 d
Anglo-Iranian	84/4½	84/4½
Burmah	116/10½	119/4½
Shell Trans. & Trad. (bearer)	83/1½	83/1½

—*Reuter.*

U.S. COMMODITY PRICES

LATEST CABLED QUOTATIONS

New York Cotton

	New York, Opening	May 9. Closing
May	——	8.62/62
July	8.63 /61	8.67/67
Oct.	8.63 /62	8.68/68
Dec.	8.66 /66	8.71/71
Jan. (1939)	8.68b/69a	8.71/71
Mar. (1939)	8.74 /74	8.77/78
Spot		8.67

The Last Notice Day for May Cotton is May 13.

New York Rubber

May	——	11.70 N
July	11.70b/83a	11.83/83
Sept.	11.90 /96	12.00/00
Dec.	12.10 /12	12.16/18
Mar.	——	12.32 N

Sales for the day:—2,020 tons.

The Last Notice Day for May Rubber is May 26.

Chicago Wheat

May	——	80⅝/80½
July	79⅜/79¼	78⅝/78¼
Sept.	79⅞/79⅞	79⅛/19

Saturday's Sales:— 11,535,000 bushels.

The Last Notice Day for May Grains is May 26.

Chicago Corn

May	——	57⅞/57⅞
July	59¾/59¼	58⅞/58¾
Sept.	60⅛/60⅛	59⅝/59⅝

Winnipeg Wheat

May	117⅝/117¼	116⅝/116⅝
July	109¼/109⅛	107⅞/107⅞
Oct.	88¾/ 88⅛	87⅞/ 87⅞

The Last Notice Day for May Winnipeg Wheat is May 31.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that Ivan Ignatievich Smekalin and known as George Smekalin of Marie's Beauty Shoppe, Exchange Building, is applying to the Governor for naturalisation and that any person who knows any reason why naturalisation should not be granted should send a written and signed statement of the facts to the Colonial Secretary, Hongkong.

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All claims against the vessel must be presented to the undersigned on or before the 31st May, 1938, or they will not be recognized.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 11th May, 1938, at 10 a.m. by our surveyors Messrs. Goddard and Douglas.

In the case of dutiable cargo, consignees are requested to inform the Imports and Exports Office that they have such goods for examination.

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The attention of Consignees is further directed to the notice concerning General Average which is currently appearing.

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JAPANESE ATTEMPT FAMILIAR STRATEGY

(Continued from Page 1.)

troops near the Grand Canal Station, he added.

Heavy casualties were inflicted upon the Chinese, the spokesman claimed.—*Domei.*

CHINESE CLING TO POSITIONS

Hsuchow, May 10.

Fighting is raging around Mengcheng in north Anhwei. The Japanese are making a determined thrust in an effort to capture this strategic town and then push northward to threaten Kweiteh on the Lunghai Railway, but with equal determination the Chinese forces are defending it.

Yesterday morning under the cover of a heavy barrage two columns of Japanese troops attacked from the south and west sides. Between 300 and 400 shells were fired by the Japanese artillery every hour, and more than 10 planes kept on circling over the city and dumped tons of explosives.

The Chinese challenged the Japanese in hand-to-hand fighting, contesting every inch of ground.

Later in the morning, a Chinese column reached the Japanese rear by a round-about route and attacked whilst the Chinese facing the Japanese in front launched a counter-attack. They succeeded in repulsing the enemy.

Heavy casualties resulted on both sides.—*Central News.*

Women's Feet Are Growing

St. Louis.

Women's feet are getting larger. Records of a large shoe manufacturing company here revealed that the average size of woman's shoes has increased more than a full size in the last decade. Stylists said the increase is due partly to the trend toward more comfortable clothing, but principally because modern women were better fitted when children.

No Russians In Command Of Chinese Troops

Japanese Allegation Denied

Hankow, May 10.

Japanese allegations that Soviet officers are directing Chinese troops on the south Shantung front drew an emphatic denial from a spokesman of the National Military Council, yesterday.

The spokesman referred to a Japanese broadcast at Dairen on May 7 that the commander of the Chinese troops defending a village in south Shantung on April 19 was suspected to be a Soviet officer, and that the corpse of a Soviet officer was found among the Chinese soldiers killed during fighting at Yuwangshan on May 4.

Such fabrications, the spokesman said, must have been purposely made by the Japanese military to create misunderstandings at home and aboard.

They must be also intended as an excuse for the repeated Japanese reverses during recent fighting on the south Shantung front, which has already resulted in between 30,000 and 40,000 Japanese casualties, he added.

The spokesman recalled that during fighting on the Woosung-Shanghai front the Japanese military used to circulate rumours that German officers were directing operations in the Chinese army whenever they themselves suffered reverses.

The fact that the large number of foreign war correspondents on the south Shantung who frequently proceed to the fighting lines to gauner news have never reported the presence of Soviet officers among the Chinese troops proves the falsity of the Japanese allegations, the spokesman emphasized.—*Central News.*

CHINESE SWEEPING THROUGH SHANSI

(Continued from Page 1.)

Japanese, cornered at the west gate of the town, put up a stubborn resistance. After a night-long combat, the Japanese were routed, and retreated to Sunkiang.—*Central News.*

Guerillas In Hangchow Suburbs

Kinhwa, May 10.

A Chinese guerilla unit reached the suburbs of Hangchow and challenged a Japanese garrison unit in a hand-to-hand combat on May 5, belated reports reaching here to-day state.

The guerillas hurled their hand grenades and killing 41. They also set fire to the Japanese barracks, and did heavy damage to the highway, bridges and telegraph wires.—*Central News.*

Haiyen Reported Surrounded

Tunki, Chekiang, May 10.

It is reported that Haiyen, southwest of Chapoo on Hangchow Bay, has been surrounded by Chinese.

The south, west and north gates of the town have been occupied by the Chinese.—*Central News.*

Tungkwan Tension Eased

Tungkwan, May 10.

With the tide of war in south Shansi turning in favour of the Chinese, tension in Tungkwan, on the Honan-Shansi border, has been considerably eased.

The hsien government, the telegraph office and various other organs have resumed operations. People who previously vacated the city are now coming back in large numbers and business conditions are rapidly becoming normal.—*Central News.*

Drive From Tsining Repulsed

Tsaohsien, May 10.

A Japanese column pushing southwest to Hochangkow from Tsining in Shantung was repulsed with severe losses on May 8, a report just received states.

The Japanese push was made by more than 300 men and over 10 armoured cars as a spearhead.

The Chinese withheld fire until the enemy was within about 300 metres and then opened up devastatingly.—*Central News.*

SCOTT FILM NOT TO BE REMADE

Widow's Objection

Plans to remake the film of Capt. Scott's last journey to the South Pole have been dropped because of the opposition of his widow, now Lady Kennet.

The Gainsborough Picture Corporation approached the controllers of the official silent film, made by Mr. H. G. Ponting. They agreed, on one condition, to the silent film, with dialogue added to certain scenes, being incorporated in a new production.

The condition was that all concerned, or their relatives, should give consent. Lady Kennet refused. I understand that Adml. Sir Edward Evans, who was second in command of Capt. Scott's expedition, urged that the film could do no harm, but Lady Kennet held to her decision that no new film should be made in her lifetime.

She has a feeling that the tragedy of Capt. Scott's end might be overdramatised.

Private Car Owner Collected Taxi Fare

FINED FOR PLYING FOR HIRE WITHOUT PERMIT

Remarking that he was taking a serious view of the case, a fine of $50 or one month's imprisonment was imposed on Chan Tse-pan, 36, when he pleaded guilty before Mr. R. Edwards at the Central Magistracy this morning to the charge of driving and using private car No. 449 for public hire at Connaught Road Central yesterday.

Inspector Saunders prosecuted, and said that the police regarded the charge as a serious offence. They are doing business normally done by public vehicles, which have to undergo rigid inspections.

"We know there is a great number of private cars doing business, and it is extremely hard to catch them."

Evidence was given by Fung Chau, a tailor from Canton, who said he stopped at the Tai Tung Hotel to wait for a car. While there, he met a friend who got the car for him. He had paid the sum of 70 cents to a man at the hotel for hire of the car, but the car was stopped by the police soon after he had started for his destination.

Evidence was also given by a Chinese Traffic Officer D261, who said that as a result of information received, he stopped car No. 449 some distance from the hotel and took the driver to the Police station.

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DOCTORS WORRIED

He will tell his theories to the International Congress on Rheumatism which meets at Oxford soon.

Medical authorities are getting very worried about the scourge.

It costs Britain £25,000,000 a year, and 40,000 die annually from the heart disease it causes.

DRANK 60 BOTTLES OF WINE

INQUEST ON MAN AND INDIAN WIFE

A man and wife who died on successive days were stated at a Paddington inquest to have drunk 60 bottles of "red biddy," a cheap "wine," in a week.

The inquest was on the wife, Mrs. Romala Connell (35), an Indian, living at Lupus Street.

Sir Bernard Spilsbury said the cause of death was a granulo cytosis, a disease which was recently found to be due to the taking of the drug pyramidon.

The coroner, Mr. Ingleby Oddie, recorded an open verdict.

Princess Sudhira Mander, of Maida Hill, W., said that she was sure Mrs. Connell, her niece, did not take drugs.

"FIND" AT FLAT

The coroner's officer said that at the woman's flat he found 18 empty methylated spirit bottles, and he was told by the landlady that the Connells had drunk as many as sixty bottles a week of "red biddy."

Methylated spirit, he said, was often drunk in conjunction with this wine.

Mr. Oddie stated that there was no evidence that the woman had taken pyramidon.

It was possible he added, that the drinking by Mr. and Mrs. Connell of "red biddy" might have produced the disease.

["Red Biddy" is a concoction of cheap red wine and methylated spirit, the latter added to make it more potent. At a meeting of the Medical Society of London it was described as "Devil's broth from the witches' cauldron."]

FRANCE VOTES £50,000 FOR THE ROYAL VISIT

Paris.

Amid great applause, the Chamber of Deputies to-night unanimously voted a special grant of 8,000,000fcs. (£50,000) for the reception and entertainment of the King and Queen when they visit Paris in June.

M. Paul-Boncour, Foreign Minister, said that the Government would make preparations "to receive King George VI. and his Queen with all the splendour that is due to them and to the friendship that links our countries."

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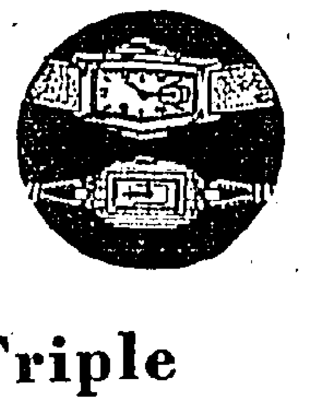

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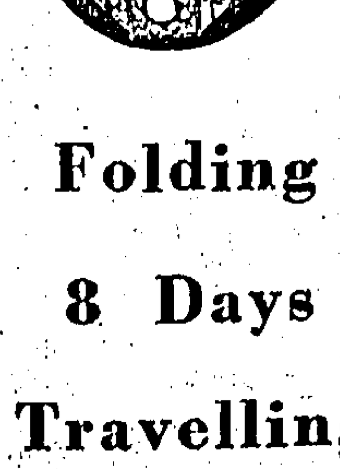

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Registered and Parcel Mails are closed 15 minutes earlier than the time given below unless otherwise stated, and where mails are advertised to close at or before 9 a.m., registered and parcel mails are closed at 5 p.m. on the previous day.

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Letters and Postcards for Europe and South America are forwarded "via Siberia" if so superscribed.

INWARD MAILS

From	Per	Due
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Haiphong, Pakhoi and Hoihow	Soochow	May 10.
Straits	Burdwan	May 11.
Straits and Europe via Suez (Letters and Papers) London, 14th April and London Parcels—London date, 7th April.	Carthage	May 11.
Manila	Empress of Russia	May 11.
Air Mail by "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—London date, 5th May.	Imperial Airways Plane	May 11.
Shanghai and Swatow	Ninghai	May 11.
Saigon	Pres. Doumer	May 11.
U.S.A., Honolulu and Japan (San Francisco date, 15th April)	Pres. Harrison	May 11.
Japan	Suisang	May 11.
Japan	Toba Maru	May 11.
Japan	Felix Roussel	May 12.
Japan and Shanghai	Gneisenau	May 12.
Manila	Tyndareus	May 12.
Shanghai	Bokuyo Maru	May 13.
Japan	Corfu	May 13.
Japan and Shanghai		
Air Mail by "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—London date, 8th May.	Imperial Airways Plane	May 13.
Japan	Kutsang	May 13.
Straits and Manila	Memnon	May 13.
Air Mail by "Pan-American Airways Direct Service"—San Francisco date, 4th May.	Pan-American Airways Plane	May 13.
Shanghai and Swatow	Shantung	May 13.
Straits and Manila	Conte Biancamano	May 14.
Shanghai	Glenogle	May 14.
Straits	Diomed	May 1?.
Calcutta and Straits	Hosang	May 16.

OUTWARD MAILS

For	Per	Date and Time
Tuesday		
Air Mail for Wuchow, Kweiyang and Chungking by the "C.N.A.C. Airways Direct Service."	C.N.A.C. Plane	Tues., May 10. K.P.O. Reg., May 10, 5 p.m. Ord., May 10, 5 p.m. G.P.O. Reg., May 10, 5 p.m. Ord., May 11, 6 a.m.
Wednesday		
Samshui and Wuchow	Kongning	Wed., May 11, 8.15 a.m.
Amoy and *Shanghai	Taiyuan	Wed., May 11, 8.30 a.m.
Kongmoon	Fook On	Wed., May 11, 10 a.m.
Shanghai, Japan and *Europe via Siberia.	Pres. Doumer	Wed., May 11, 10.30 a.m.
Haiphong	Kaigan	Wed., May 11, Noon.
Japan	Islami	Wed., May 11, 1.30 p.m.
Bangkok	Proteus	Wed., May 11, 2.30 p.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	Seistan	Wed., May 11, 3 p.m.
*Swatow, *Shanghai, and Tientsin	Taksang	Wed., May 11, 3.30 p.m.
Air Mail for Sian, Lanchow and Chengtu etc. (via Hankow) by the "Eurasia Airways Service" (To further points by surface transport as Services permit).	Eurasia Plane	Wed., May 11. G.P.O. and K.P.O. Reg., May 11, 4.30 p.m. Ord., May 11, 5 p.m.
Sandakan	Hinsang	Wed., May 11, 5 p.m.
Manila	Pres. Harrison	Wed., May 11, 5 p.m.
Thursday		
Kongmoon	Tai Lee	Thurs., May 12, 10 a.m.
Shanghai and Japan	Carthage	Thurs., May 12, 10.30 a.m.
Saigon, Ceylon, India, East and South Africa, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles—due Marseilles, 8th June.	Felix Roussel	Thurs., May 12. G. P. O. & K. P. O. Reg., May 12, 1.45 p.m. Ord., May 12, 2.30 p.m.
Air Mail for "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—due London, 19th May.	Imperial Airways Plane	Thurs., May 12. G.P.O. and K.P.O. Reg., May 12, 5 p.m. Ord., May 12, 5 p.m.
Shanghai, Japan, Canada, U.S.A., Central and South America and *Europe via Vancouver B.C., (Parcels for Canada only)—due Vancouver B.C., 30th May and *Europe via Siberia	Emp. of Russia	Thurs., May 12. G.P.O. and K.P.O. Parcels, May 12, 5 p.m. Reg., May 13, 9.15 a.m. Ord., May 13, 10 a.m.
Friday		
Shanghai and *Japan	Gneisenau	Fri., May 13, 8.30 a.m.
Kongmoon	On Lee	Fri., May 13, 10 a.m.
Formosa	Hongkong Maru	Fri., May 13, 10.30 a.m.
Swatow and *Shanghai	Kwangtung	Fri., May 13, 10.30 a.m.
Swatow, Shanghai and Tientsin	Kwaisang	Fri., May 13, 12.30 p.m.
*Swatow, Foochow and *Tientsin	Yochow	Fri., May 13, 12.30 p.m.
Straits, Ceylon, India, East and South Africa, Aden, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles—due Marseilles 10th June.	Corfu	Fri., May 13. G. P. O. and K. P. O. Parcels, May 13 5 p.m. Reg., May 14, 9.45 a.m. Ord., May 14, 10.30 a.m.
Air Mail for Manila, Guam, Honolulu and U.S.A., by the "Pan-American Airways Direct Service"—due San Francisco, 21st May.	Pan-American Airways Plane	Fri., May 13. K.P.O. Reg., May 13, 5 p.m. Ord., May 13, 5 p.m. G.P.O. Reg., May 13, 5 p.m. Ord., May 14, 6 a.m.
Saturday		
Shanghai	Conte Biancamano	Sat., May 14, 9.30 a.m.
Air Mail for "K.L.M. Airways Direct Service"—due Amsterdam, 24th May	Corfu	Sat., May 14. G.P.O. and K.P.O. Reg., May 14, 9.30 a.m. Ord., May 14, 10 a.m.
Straits and Calcutta	Kutsang	Sat., May 14. Parcels, May 14, 11 a.m. Ord., May 14, Noon.
Hoihow, Pakhoi and Haiphong	Shantung	Sat., May 14, 5 p.m.
Air Mail for "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—due London, 22nd May.	Imperial Airways Plane	Sat., May 14. G. P. O. & K. P. O. Reg., May 14, 5 p.m. Ord., May 15, Noon.
Air Mail for Australia by "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—due Darwin, 19th May.	Imperial Airways Plane	Sat., May 14. G. P. O. & K. P. O. Reg., May 14, 5 p.m. Ord., May 15, Noon.
Sunday		
Formosa	Hongkong Maru	Sun., May 15, 9 a.m.
*Swatow, Foochow and *Tientsin	Hupeh	Sun., May 15, 9 a.m.
Swatow and Shanghai	Soochow	Sun., May 15, 9 a.m.
Tientsin	Loosang	Sun., May 15, 9 a.m.
Monday		
Manila, Australia and New Zealand via Thursday Island—due Thursday Island, 28th May.	Taiping	Mon., May 16. G. P. O. and K. P. O. Parcels, May 16, 5 p.m. Reg., May 17, 8.45 a.m. Ord., May 17, 9.30 a.m.
Tuesday		
Swatow and Shanghai	Kiungchow	Tues., May 17, 12.30 p.m.

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LEAGUE MUST BE PREPARED FOR WAR

Churchill Urges "Covenant Army" Be Mobilised

London, May 9.

Mr. Winston Churchill, in a speech at Manchester to-night, outlined proposals for making the League of Nations an all-powerful weapon against aggression and aggressors.

He said the plan envisaged would ward off the devastation and horror of war. It lay in a single sentence: "Arm and stand by the Covenant of the League of Nations."

Mr. Churchill suggested that Great Britain and France should say to the smaller, menaced States: "We are not going to help you if you are not going to help yourselves. Are you prepared to take special service in the defence of the Covenant?"

"If we could rally ten well-armed States who were bound to resist aggression we would be so strong that all danger would be warded off," declared Mr. Churchill.

"The Danubian and Balkan States could be mopped up one by one, but together they would display an enormous strength."

Mr. Churchill also mentioned Soviet Russia, Poland and the Baltic and Scandinavian countries as possible supporters of such a plan.

"I do not mean that we should encircle Germany with a ring of hostile Powers. We ask no security for ourselves that we are not prepared to extend to Germany.

"Let her join the club and share its privileges and safeguards.

"The alternative to adoption of the course suggested is to give Germany her colonies, with a free hand to spread the Nazi system in central Europe.

"After an interval we would be drawn into war as an antagonist of an overwhelmingly powerful combination of Nazi states. We would find ourselves without a friend."—*Reuter.*

Ship's Fireman Fined $250 On Opium Charge

Cheong Foo-yau, a fireman on board the Jardine steamer Tak Sang, was fined $250 or three months' imprisonment when he pleaded guilty before Mr. R. Edwards at the Central Magistracy this morning to the possession of 25 taels of raw opium.

Senior Revenue Officer Grimmitt, prosecuting, said the opium was found in defendant's bunk, and he had admitted buying it in Swatow for $80. When being taken to the Chief Engineer by Revenue Officer Dunlop he had bolted from the ship, but was chased and arrested in Third Street.

DIVAN KEEPERS IN COURT

Tang Kwai, 48, and Chan Kwong, 25, were charged before Mr. R. Edwards at the Central Magistracy this morning with unlawful possession of prepared opium, and with keeping opium divans.

The men were arrested as a result of police raids.

Tang was fined $220 or seven weeks' hard labour on the first charge and $100 or two months' hard labour on the second.

Chan was fined $40 or one month's hard labour on the first count and $100 or two months on the second.

BRITISH RAILWAY INTERESTS IN CHINA IN DANGER

Japanese Allegedly Sell Fares on Mortgaged Nanking-Shanghai Line

London, May 9.

Mr. A. C. Moreing, Conservative Member for Preston, asked in the House of Commons to-night whether the Government was aware of the fact that Japanese authorities were refusing to allow British railway officials to inspect the Shanghai-Nanking line on behalf of British mortgagees of railway revenues, and were themselves selling passenger tickets on the line.

The questioner asked what steps were being taken to stop this serious breach of the Loan Agreement.

Mr. R. A. Butler, Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, replied that he was aware of the refusal to allow inspection of the line. With regard to the sale of railway tickets, he understood that permits to travel on the line were issued by the Japanese military authorities, and that permit-holders had to pay their fares to the Japanese.

The British Ambassador to China, Sir Archibald Kerr Clark Kerr, has urged the Japanese authorities to ensure the safeguarding of British interests in the line. Sir Robert Craigie, the Ambassador to Tokyo, has also taken up the matter, and has asked the Japanese Government to afford an early opportunity to representatives of British mortgagees to inspect and survey the line, and to take necessary measures to safeguard the interests of British bondholders.

Mr. A. V. Alexander, Member for the Hillsborough Division of Sheffield, asked if this was one of the "vested interests" in which Mr. Koki Hirota, the Japanese Foreign Minister, had referred. Could Britain, he asked, rely that there would be no selling of the Chinese people for vested interests?

In reply, the Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs said that Mr. Alexander could rest assured that the British Government would consider all British interests concerned in the dispute.—*Reuter.*

INCIDENTS CANNOT BE AVOIDED

Shanghai Conditions To Blame

London, May 9.

Mr. Arthur Henderson, Labour Member for the Kingswinford division of Staffordshire, asked in the House of Commons to-night what steps were being taken to prevent repetitions of recent incidents in Shanghai between Japanese troops and officers and men of the British Services.

Mr. R. A. Butler, Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, replied that incidents of the nature mentioned were always liable to occur in the conditions ruling in the Shanghai area.

The British Government was doing its utmost by negotiation and remonstration to avoid a recurrence of such incidents.—*Reuter.*

JAPAN'S LOSSES SET AT 350,000

More Than Million Men Landed In China So Far

Hankow, May 9.

Since the beginning of the war in July last year, the Japanese have landed 1,100,000 troops in China.

They have suffered 350,000 casualties.

These estimates are made to-day by a Chinese military spokesman, who expressed the belief that the remaining Japanese forces in China were insufficient to hold the long lines in Shantung.

"We are doing our utmost to lengthen this line, for the longer it becomes, the more scattered and disorganised will be the Japanese forces trying to maintain it."

The spokesman expressed the opinion that the Tientsin-Pukow Railway would continue to be the main front for some time.

"Should the Japanese decide, however, to concentrate their main push in, let us say, Shansi, then Shansi will become a second Shantung, and the Tientsin-Pukow area will become a second Shansi, where the Japanese troops will be forced to give back all but a few isolated points."

"They have had to do this already in Shansi, because the long battle-front on the Tientsin-Pukow railway in Shantung has forced them to withdraw all available forces from other provinces."—*United Press.*

THE TORTURED MILLIONAIRE

(Continued from Page 6.)

His genius for utilising all he heard was astonishing.

No One Could Bamboozle Him

Every day his secretaries fed the blind chief with thousands of facts. They emerged as articles, directions for the running of the business, cables to editors.

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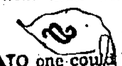

No one could bamboozle him. He would pull a letter out of his pocket and ask his companion to read it. One never knew what was behind these requests. He was often trying to find out whether a previous person who had read the letter to him was keeping something back or not.

He would detect the least variation or uneasiness in your voice, and then take cunning steps to verify what you had said.

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They were pumping facts into him until just seven hours before, On October 29, 1911, the tortured millionaire closed his eyes for the last time.

MILITARY ACADEMY HAS POOR START

Peiping, May 10.

The Provisional Government has announced that a new military academy located at Tungchow, will be formally opened at 9 o'clock this morning in the presence of Chinese and Japanese officials.

It is understood that there are under 200 students, a few having "deserted", after living a few days under the school's military discipline before the official opening ceremony.—*United Press.*

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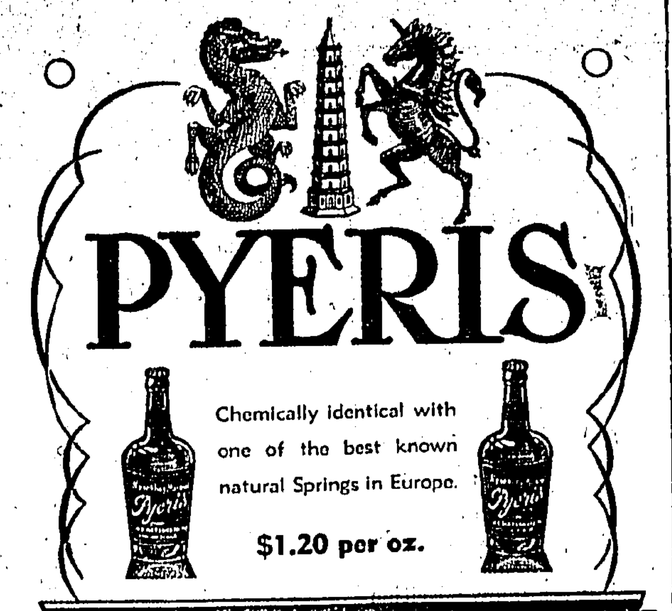

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6. The Willow Plate .....Herbert.
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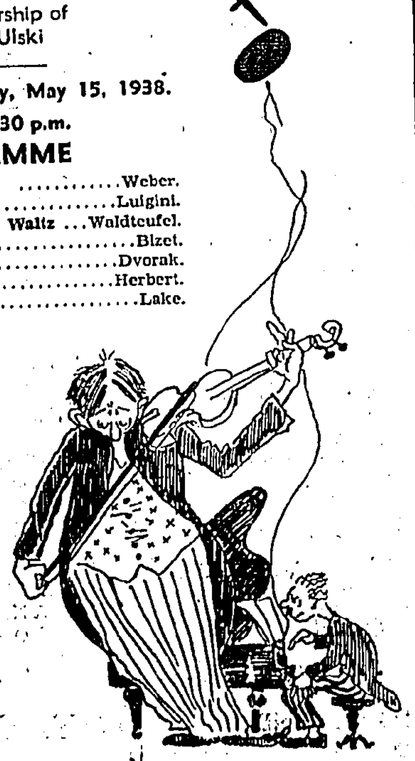

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TUESDAY, MAY 10, 1938.

"CONSOLIDATE YOUR GAINS"

The latest developments in the European sphere leaves the mind groping for the real intentions of the powers, dismayed by the inconsistencies of diplomacy and altogether uncertain of the future trend. But taking the situation as a whole there are one or two hopeful aspects; indications of a changing mental attitude which may encourage the exponents of peaceful policy. Since the German occupation of Austria and the delicate balance which resulted, there has been a general retreat from violence and an apparently genuine attempt on the part of one "belligerent" nation to reach a compromise with a suspected rival. Italy has signed an agreement with Great Britain, and for the first time in years these two nations are on terms which do not cause misgivings. But the agreement was only won at the cost of a retreat from the moral stand taken by Great Britain, and to many is unsatisfactory for that reason. Yesterday despatches from Europe told of Lord Halifax having failed to win unanimous recognition at Geneva for Italian sovereignty in Ethiopia. When it is remembered that there were many who would have had Britain go to war to prevent the Italian occupation of this territory, the attitude of the Government is a little disconcerting. Had the intervening developments not been known to an observer he must have been dumfounded by this actually astonishing change of policy. And, it must be said, he probably would have been not a little shocked had he been an Englishman. However, the word of the Chamberlain administration must be taken that the present attitude is for the best. And indeed, if by recognising the presence of a stone wall a nation can avoid butting its head against it, the course is probably wise.

In the later developments in Europe the immediate effect of this changed British attitude is seen. Signor Mussolini is trying to discourage Herr Hitler from any course which will involve the use of force in correcting the Czecho-Slovakian minority trouble; or so despatches indicate. Signor Mussolini is apparently offering certain inducements, such as diplomatic support for German aims, if Germany steers away from war in Eastern Europe. Such an attitude is not in keeping with what British people have been led to expect from Italy, but if Britain can change her tune, so can the fiddlers of Rome. And if it is less martial, so much the better. So it is hardly fair to charge the diplomats of these two countries with inconsistencies when, had they stubbornly stuck to their discords, someone probably would have been driven to violent measures.

Granted that there has been this much progress towards appeasement, the time has not yet come when British people can sit back with folded hands and "let matters take their course". There are still large and grave problems to be faced and decided. The Czecho-Slovakian quarrel is only one; the Spanish affair is another; the Polish-Lithuanian dispute and the whole of the Eastern European scene require careful watching. Britain, and other nations who seek to keep the peace for themselves and for others, must be alert to lend what aid they can to statesmen everywhere who are trying to extricate their affairs out of the tangle which wars, treaties and depressions have created. The League of Nations, even its warmest adherents admit, is virtually helpless now. It is for individual Governments to act; and they must act without confusing issues and, if possible, without injuring anyone's feelings. If past experience causes a little apprehensiveness on the part of lesser powers—and they have some cause for alarm—it can only be hoped that their just claims will be respected. For if Europe has progressed towards some sort of permanent understanding it would be a criminal thing to relax the efforts which have brought even these trivial tangible results.

THE TORTURED MILLIONAIRE

By JOHN HAMPDEN

I HAVE just finished reading the life story of a millionaire with whom no beggar in the gutter would want to change places.

The name of the millionaire was Joseph Pulitzer. His strange life of suffering is told in a fine book, "An Adventure With a Genius," by Alleyne Ireland, just published by Lovat Dickson (*7s. 6d.*).

Pulitzer was a man who achieved world fame as a newspaper publisher.

Afflicted In His Prime

He was the real founder of modern journalism. His newspapers, the *St. Louis Post Dispatch* and the *New York World*, cried abroad new ideas and new principles which outdated the dull columns of their contemporaries.

Instead of flattering the politicians they criticised them. They exposed corruption, they fought furious campaigns for public reforms.

BUT though Pulitzer became a millionaire and a world figure through his papers, fate took away with one hand what she gave with the other.

In the first place, Pulitzer developed a terrible nervous malady which made the slightest sound a torture to him.

In the second place, he became blind.

These afflictions struck him in the prime of life.

One day he found he could hardly read the proofs put before

JOSEPH PULITZER

"Retired from the world a blind man . . . nerves wrecked."

him. He thought it was indigestion.

An oculist told him that he had burst a blood vessel in one eye.

It developed into the separation of the retina of both eyes.

Pulitzer retired from the world, a blind man with wrecked nerves. He lived in strange sound proof houses in New York, London, Mentone and in his yacht.

Many people forgot he was alive.

His nervous affliction coloured his whole life.

PICTURE him as he drifts about the seas at a snail's pace in his yacht Liberty, suffering.

Every noise pierces his inmost being as if with red-hot irons. Meal times are a torture to him.

The pleasant tinkle of a spoon against a saucer makes him wince like a dog threatened with a whip.

The gurgle of water poured into a glass, the striking of a match, send a pang right through his body.

He turns pale and breaks into a cold perspiration at some sound which to most people would have been scarcely audible.

Aroused By Footstep

Every one in the yacht must wear rubber-soled shoes, because the scraping of leather sets his teeth on edge. The part of the deck under which he sleeps is roped off because a solitary footfall will ruin his night.

Each door which gives access to the rooms above his cabin has a little brass plate. On the plate is cut a legend: "This door must not be opened when Mr. Pulitzer is asleep."

Once almonds suddenly disappear from the dessert at dinner. The chief steward hesitatingly confesses to an inquirer that Mr. Pulitzer cannot endure the sound of an almond being snapped in half.

HE had the greatest difficulty in sleeping. A curious ceremony was performed each day after lunch. Mr. Pulitzer would put on his pyjamas or perhaps merely take off his coat and shoes and lie down.

A secretary, one of the obedient throng, would be summoned to read him some play or book.

At a certain point Pulitzer would say, "Softly." Then after a little, "Quite softly." This was a sign that Pulitzer was going off into a doze.

Lulled To Sleep By A Mumble

The secretary would then make the words more and more indistinct until he sank into a kind of mumble. This mumble was very difficult to acquire, and new secretaries had agonies in learning it.

The mumbler would keep Mr. Pulitzer in a state of dozing. The secretary could read a novel or whatever he liked so long as he kept up this noise with his lips—and he might have to do it for hours on end.

The slightest change in the pitch of voice, a sneeze or a cough, would awaken Mr. Pulitzer with a start, and an unpleasant quarter of an hour would follow.

EVERY door in his houses in London, New York and Mentone shut automatically and silently and was draped with heavy curtains to prevent the slightest noise from filtering through.

His bedroom in New York was unique.

Although his bedroom appeared to form part of the house it did not in fact do so. It stood upon its own foundation and was connected with the main structure by some ingenious device which isolated it from all vibrations originating there.

It was of the most solid construction and had but one window, a very large affair consisting of three casements set one inside the other, and provided with heavy plate glass.

This triple window was never opened when Mr. Pulitzer was in the room, the ventilation being secured by means of fans situated in a long masonry shaft whose interior opening was in the chimney and whose exterior opening was far enough away to forbid the passage of any sound in the streets.

Noise-Proof Bedroom

At intervals inside this shaft were placed frames with silk threads drawn across them for the purpose of absorbing any faint vibrations which might find their way in.

In this bedroom, with its triple window and its heavy double door closed, Pulitzer enjoyed as near approach to perfect quietness as it was possible to obtain in New York.

CHOOSING an hotel in which he could bear to stay was a heavy task.

A secretary would inspect half a dozen before settling on one. He would have to spend two or three hours in each, finding out certain things, for experience had proved that hotel managers' assurances were not to be trusted.

He must find out not only whether there were any noisy guests, whether the windows rattled, whether the floor creaked

Even the route from the station had to be carefully considered. A trial run was made in a car. If the route followed a tramline, if it went by a noisy spot like a children's playground, if it passed over a rough piece of road, the whole route had to be revised.

THE extraordinary thing is that with his blindness, with his wretched health, with his almost maniacal nervous affection, Mr. Pulitzer was one of the greatest workers the world has ever seen.

He kept five or six secretaries on the run the whole time. They were necessary to keep him informed of the progress of his papers and of every world event. But they were also necessary because *Mr. Pulitzer could not bear to be left to himself for a minute. Some one must be talking to him all the time.*

Endless Meal Of Facts

All the seen world was cut off from Pulitzer. His secretaries must be his eyes, must tell him of everything, must re-create the whole world for him.

He took each of them in turn to talk to him. If they stopped for even a minute his nerves were all a-jangle.

And not light talk either. Pulitzer demanded an endless meal of fine chopped facts. Facts about the news, the arts, the world, politics, plays, and others—anything so long as they talked.

The secretaries would work from early in the morning until late at night to prepare for their talks with their chief.

Some would be reading through the mountains of Press cuttings which were sent after him from America. Some would be picking "human items" out of the newspapers to provide him with topics of conversation.

Some marked passages in magazines to read out to him. Some would even be reading novels to relate the plot to him.

EACH secretary would go tremblingly on duty to the task of informing or amusing Mr. Pulitzer. He would wolf up the meal they offered him. They feverishly looked in their pockets to see if they could not find another cutting to read to Mr. Pulitzer. Silence. Then——

"No, no. Don't let us stop talking or reading," Pulitzer would cry. "I must have something to occupy my mind all the time no matter how exhausted I am."

If he was bored with the fare provided he would suddenly say: "My God, is there much more of this?"

A Patient Listener

Then the secretary would have to bring his story to a hasty conclusion and retire in disgrace, leaving another to take on the Herculean task of amusing Mr. Pulitzer.

If he was interested—his interest was endless.

He would patiently listen while some one told him the whole plot of a play of Shakespeare. When they had finished he would ask them the plot of another play, and so on, far into the night.

When they had exhausted their repertoire, he would ask them if they had read Shakespeare's sonnets.

SOMETIMES Mr. Pulitzer would want to laugh. Then they would get a whole year's file of comic papers, read them through in the small hours of the morning and serve up the dish to Mr. Pulitzer next day.

One secretary had a box containing hundreds of funny stories in his cabin. He would take out a handful and slip them in his pocket whenever he was summoned to attend the great man.

But they had to be careful to tell Mr. Pulitzer nothing that was too funny. In his disordered state of nerves loud laughter caused him acute pain.

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GRIN AND BEAR IT — By Lichty

"Why shouldn't he mope? Let him run away from home and get a flea like any other dog!"

Japan Plans To Extend Armed Operations

"IMPORTANT TO WORLD AT LARGE"

Prince Konoye Makes Startling Prediction

PEACE PROPOSALS FROM MARSHAL CHIANG WILL NEVER BE ACCEPTABLE

Kyoto, May 10.

Declaring that the new war situation in China was "objectively more important than the occupation of Nanking," Premier Prince Ayamaro Konoye yesterday predicted major military developments within the course of the current month.

Marshal Chiang Kai-shek, the Japanese Prime Minister told newspapermen on his arrival here from Tokyo to attend memorial services for Emperor Komei, great grand-father of the present monarch, who ruled from 1848 to 1867, may "sue for peace" as a sequel to Japan's new military action.

The apparent deadlock in the Sino-Japanese hostilities, Prince Konoye asserted, had been reported in an "exaggerated" manner abroad. As a result, he continued, the new Japanese operations would have "important significance" in the world at large.

Should the regime under Gen. Chiang Kai-shek sue for peace, the Prime Minister said, Japan would not be able to accept any proposals because of her declaration of January 16 not to deal with the Hankow government leader.

Marshal Chiang, Premier Konoye went on, may "reconsider" and attempt to establish friendly relations with the new Chinese government.

Under such circumstances, the Prime Minister believed there would be no alternative left for the Kuomintang regime than to be merged into the new Chinese government, with which Japan has announced her intentions to co-operate under the anti-Comintern banner.

The Prime Minister further foreshadowed the fusion of the "Nanking and Peiping regimes early next month as a sequel to the predicted startling military developments.

The Reformed and Provincial Governments have agreed to merge when through traffic is restored on the Tientsin-Pukow and Lunghai railways.—*Domei.*

Predicts Change In War Situation

Kyoto, May 9.

Prince Konoye, the Japanese Premier, in a press statement to-day emphasised that the military situation in China was developing exactly as planned, and was now assuming an importance probably even greater than that attached to the occupation of Nanking.

Despite "great exaggerations" of the situation abroad, the Japanese Premier predicted a considerable change in the situation before the end of the month.

Japan was proceeding slowly with its policies towards the new Chinese regime in Nanking and Peiping. There may be some friction in the Cabinet and with Councillors, but everything would eventually be smoothed over.

"Japan is determined to co-operate with the new China," he declared.—*United Press.*

No Territorial Ambitions

Tokyo, May 10.

Mr. Koki Hirota, Japan's Foreign Minister, to-day said that the fact that occupied areas in China were permitted self-government showed that Japan was without territorial ambitions.

"The important thing is that the Chinese and the Japanese must get together peacefully, economically and socially."

Mr. Hirota expressed the belief that Soviet Russia would soon cease rendering assistance to China, because they would find such assistance fruitless.

Foreshadowing an extension of Japanese activities in China, Mr. Hirota told the foreign press that the new Chinese Governments must control more territory than at present before Japan would grant recognition.

He denied that Great Britain had offered to mediate in the Sino-Japanese conflict.

"Western Powers understand the real intentions of Japan in China, and I do not believe, therefore, that any third Power is willing to take the initiative towards a settlement of the dispute."—*United Press.*

31-Year-Old Financier Heads Stock Exchange

New York, May 9.

The New York Stock Exchange has formally elected Mr. William Martin, Jr., who is only 31-years old, as Chairman of the Board.

Twenty-seven Governors were also elected unopposed.—*United Press.*

IN RADIO RANGE

The following ships are expected to be in wireless communication with Hongkong Radio Station to-day:

Petronella; Kumsang; Tjibudak; Tweedbank; Canton; Anubis; Carthage; Wuchang; Gneisenau; President Doumer; President Harrison; Lessang; Conte Biancamano; Empress of Canada; Suisang; Felix Roussel; Burdwan; Memnon; Corfu.

Wang Keh-min Returns

Peiping, May 10.

Mr. Wang Keh-min, head of the Provisional Government, returned here from Tokyo by air last night.

Whilst in Tokyo, Mr. Wang interviewed most members of the Japanese Cabinet on such subjects as economic co-operation, the union of the Peiping and Nanking Provisional Governments, the Japanese recognition of the two Governments.—*Reuter.*

Japanese May Use Poison Gas

Hsuchow, May 10.

It is learned from usually reliable sources that the Japanese military authorities in Tokyo have given permission to the Japanese forces on the south Shantung front to use poison gas and other chemicals on a large scale.

The Chinese Command is taking adequate measures against this threat.—*Central News.*

Poison Gas Allegedly Used In Shantung

Geneva, May 9.

Dr. Wellington Koo has sent a Note to the League of Nations, alleging that Japanese forces are using poison gas on the Shantung front.—*United Press.*

JURY HOLDS BLINDNESS PREFERABLE TO DEATH

Baby's Eyes Must Be Removed

Chicago, May 9.

A medical problem which all America has been discussing was decided to-day by a jury of twelve doctors, scientists and clergymen, who agreed on the desirability of an immediate operation on a five-weeks-old baby girl, Helaine Colan.

The baby girl has a growth in the head which is slowly moving towards her brain. Cure can be effected only by removing her eyes, thus presenting a problem whether death would not be preferable to lifelong blindness.

The baby is stricken with retinal blioma—a cancerous tumour which creeps along the optic nerve towards the brain—in the left eye, with the right eye probably impaired in a similar manner. Without an operation, the child would have lived for only five months at the most. An operation would necessitate severance of the optic nerve, with resulting blindness.

The distraught parents, a young Chicago dentist named Herman Colan and his wife, threw the onus of making a decision on the jury, after whose decision the baby's left eye was to-day removed.

A Committee of eight X-Ray specialists will now examine the baby to determine the course of treatment for the right eye which, if too far affected, will also have to be removed if the baby's life is to be saved.—*Reuter.*

Labour May Gain Another Commons Seat

Colonial Secretary Goes To House Of Lords

London, May 9.

The death of Lord Harlech on Sunday will necessitate a by-election in the Stafford Division of Stafford, which is held by the Secretary of State for the Colonies, Mr. William Ormsby-Gore, who now becomes fourth Lord Harlech, and is automatically elevated to the House of Lords.

The new Lord Harlech has been in politics since 1910, and was Parliamentary Under-Secretary for the Colonies in 1922-23, and from 1924 to 1929. He was appointed Postmaster General when the first National Government was formed in August, 1931, and became First Commissioner of Works, with a seat in the Cabinet in November the same year. He became Secretary of State for the Colonies in the Baldwin Government.

The Stafford by-election may result in the loss of yet another seat to the National Government.

Four have already been lost this year, and if the swing towards Labour is sufficient, Stafford may become another Labour gain. In the 1935 elections, Mr. Ormsby-Gore's majority in a 28,689 poll was only 3,661.

In the Stafford electorate Labour holds three, and the National Government four of the seven divisions.—*United Press.*

Chungking Fire Casualties Still Mounting

30,000 PEOPLE HOMELESS IN BIG CONFLAGRATION

Chungking, May 10.

Casualties in Sunday's great fire, which devastated one of the poorest quarters of the city, now exceeds 100 dead and injured.

Seven thousand homes have been destroyed by the flames, and 30,000 people are homeless.

The fire began at 2.30 a.m. and, aided by a slight breeze, the flames raced through the district from building to building, driving the frantic inhabitants before them in an attempt to seek safety within the city walls.

Linchiangmen, which has a very narrow gate, was the scene of desperate struggles as the terror-stricken crowds jostled and pushed to escape the terrifying heat and flames.

A number of people, especially children, were trampled to death in the bitter struggle to get through the gate.

Damage is estimated at $2,000,000. Fifteen bodies have so far been recovered. Seventy people are in hospital.—*Reuter Special.*

ETHIOPIA'S DELEGATES ACCEPTED AT GENEVA

Geneva, May 9.

After a secret session lasting three hours, the League Council decided that the Ethiopian delegation would be allowed to be present at the table of the Council when the Ethiopian question was being discussed, on condition that the presence of the delegation would be without prejudice to the question of principle, and subject to the validity of their credentials.

A statement at 11.30 a.m. by Lord Halifax, the British Foreign Minister who is leading the Empire delegation, will be followed by a long speech by Dr. Wellington Koo of China on the general situation in the Far East.

The League Council has decided that the Chinese appeal will be heard in public to-morrow.

It was also decided that there should be no resolution or recommendation on the subject of Abyssinia, but only declarations by individual members of the League Council, acting within their sovereign rights.

This procedure was adopted when the question of Italian aggression came before the Council.—*Reuter.*

ETHIOPIANS PRESENT

Geneva, May 9.

A private meeting of the League Council, which lasted half-an-hour, adopted the agenda for the session.

The two Ethiopian delegates were unexpectedly present as observers, but did not attend the secret meeting of the Council which followed.

Lord Halifax will make a statement at to-morrow's initial public meeting regarding the Anglo-Italian Agreement, after which the question of the Spanish appeal will come before the Council.—*Reuter.*

ETHIOPIA NOT SUBDUED

London, May 9.

Emperor Haile Selassie, who is fighting to obtain continued League recognition of his claim to the Ethiopian throne, issued a statement in London to-night.

Revolts and resistance, he declared, have prevented Italy from establishing military control in at least three-fourths of the total area of Ethiopia.

Italian domination was confined to areas of a 30-mile radius around villages and towns.—*United Press.*

Roosevelt's Re-Armament Programme

Congressional Support For Big Navy Plan

Washington, May 9.

The joint conference between the Senate and House of Representatives has agreed to the Naval Expansion Bill provisions, and has drastically modified Senator Vandenberg's amendment, limiting battleship tonnage to 35,000 unless President Roosevelt obtains specific evidence that other nations are planning to build larger ships.

The joint committee has re-instated in the Bill the House of Representatives' provision authorising the construction of three 35,000-ton battleships if the President finds such in the interests of National defence.

Meanwhile, Admiral Leahy told the Naval Affairs Committee of the House of Representatives that a $28,751,000 naval building programme is necessary to provide adequate shore stations for the present navy, without regard to any expansion at a future date.—*United Press.*

Ex-Serviceman Goes To House Of Detention

Appearing before Mr. R. Edwards at the Central Magistracy this morning, Frank Wain, 22, pleaded guilty to a charge of being vagrant in the Colony. He was committed to the House of Detention.

Lance-Sergeant Loughlin said that the defendant had purchased his discharge from the Service, thinking he could get another position, but had not been able to do so.

An Indian, Atma Singh, 30, charged with being in Hongkong without a valid passport, said he would refuse to go when told an expulsion order would be made against him, and was told by Mr. Edwards that if he spoke like that in Court he would be committed to prison.

RADIO BROADCAST

The BBC Recording Of "Monsieur Beaucaire"

LONDON RELAYS

Radio Programme Broadcast by ZBW on Frequencies of 845 k.c's. 9.52 m.c's. per second.

6.0 Lucienne Boyer (Soprano) and Orchestra Mascotte.

Wiener Burger—Waltz (Ziehrer) ....Orchestra; Idylle Passionelle—Waltz (Georges Razigade); Souvenir De Monn Lisa—Waltz (J. Schebek) ....Orchestra; Ta Main—(Hands Across The Table)....Chanson; Mon Ami Le Vent—Chanson....Lucienne Boyer; Waltzes Of The World—Potpourri (arr. Carl Robrecht).... Orchestra; Viens Danser Quand Meme (Jamblan and Delettre).... ....Lucienne Boyer; After The Ball —Waltz (Harris); Songs D'Automne —Waltz (Joyce)....Orchestra.

6.30 Variety Programme — Vocal and Instrumental.

Orchestra—Out Of The Rag Bag—Medley....Harry Roy and His Orch. from The Mayfair Hotel; Vocal—Nothing's Blue But The Sky (Newman—Spina); I'll Bet You Tell That To All The Boys (Tobias—Stept).... Len Bermon with Orch.; Piano Solo—Streamline—Piano Selection (Ellis); Streamline—The First Waltz (Ellis).....Vivian Ellis (Piano); Orchestra—You Never Looked So Beautiful (From The Great Zeigfeld'); You (From The Great Ziegfeld')....Jimmy Dorsey and His Orchestra; Vocal—I'm A Fool For Loving You (Lewis and Wendling); Au Revoir (J. G. Gilbert)....Turner Layton; Piano Duet with String Bass and Drums—Rumbas On Toast.... Arthur Young And Reginald Forcsythe.

7.13 Closing local Stock Quotations.

7.15 London Relay—'Detectives In Fiction.'

The second of a series of dramatised detective stories. Each programme in this series will deal with a different detective in fiction whose exploits have made him famous. No. 2—Hercule Poirot 'The Incredible Theft'; from the story of Agatha Christie. Adapted and produced by Leslie Stokes.

7.55 Musical Interlude.

"Toad Of Toad Hall"—Selection (H. Fraser-Simon)....New Mayfair Orchestra with vocalists.

8.0 Local Time Signal; Weather Report and Announcements.

8.03 G. Charpentier—Impressions D'Italie.

Played by Orchestre Symphonique sous la direction de Gustave Charpentier.

8.26 Alfred Cortot at the Piano.

Impromptu No. 1 In A Flat Major, Op. 29 (Chopin); Impromptu No. 2 In F Sharp Major, Op. 36 (Chopin); Fantaisie Impromptu In C Sharp Minor, Op. 66 (Oeuvre Posthume) (Chopin).

8.38 Lina Pagliughi (Soprano) and Jussi Bjorling (Tenor) in selections from Opera.

I Puritani—"Qui la voce tua soave" (Bellini)....Lina Pagliughi; O Paradiso!—"L'Africana"—Act 4 (Scribe—Meyerbeer); Cielo E Mar! —"La Gioconda"—Act 2 (Boito—Ponchielli)....Jussi Bjorling; Rigoletto—Gilda's Aria: 'Caro nome' (Verdi); Mignon—'Io son Titania' (Thomas)....Lina Pagliughi; Recondita Armonia—"Tosca"—Act. 1. (Giacosa — Illica — Puccini....Jussi Bjorling.

9.0 London Relay—'Escape'—3.

First-hand accounts by Prisoners of War. 'Through the Camp Sewer'. A talk by Ernest Pearce.

9.30 London Relay—The News.

9.50 B.B.C. Recording — "Monsieur Beaucaire."

A musical play adapted for Broadcasting from Booth Tarkington's novel and the light opera libretto by Frederick Lonsdale, by Gordon McConnel.

Lyrics by Adrian Ross; Music by Andre Messager; Produced by Gordon McConnel and Rex. Haworth.

11.0 Close Down.

OLD JUNK WOMEN IN TROUBLE

At the Marine Court to-day two old junk mistresses, both over 70 years of age, were fined $2 each for having used grappling irons for the purpose of lifting articles from the sea-bed off Kellett Island, Victoria Harbour.

They were Wong Lin, 70, and Kwok Yan, 74. Also charged and similarly fined was Leung Fo, 36, junk mistress. All defendants pleaded guilty.

"It's no good. They know perfectly well they are not allowed to do it," commented the Marine Magistrate, Commander G. F. Hole.

Cheung Kam Saui, junk-mistress, was fined $10, with the alternative of ten days in gaol, on a charge of having made fast her boat to the Kong Ning which was under way in the Southern Fairway on May 9 without permission of the master.

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Mrs. Branson Leaving Post

Will Be Missed By Charity Workers

The monthly meeting of the Women's Auxiliary of the Society for the Protection of Children was held this morning at the Helena May Institute, with Mrs. C. A. Middleton-Smith in the Chair.

The minutes of the last meeting were read, approved and signed.

The Chairman said that Mrs. V. C. Branson, the Honorary Treasurer, was retiring. Her untiring co-operation had assisted in the smooth working of the Society. (Applause). There being no volunteers to fill the vacancy, the matter was left for the next meeting.

Arising from the minutes was the matter of the telephone. A letter had been written to the Secretary of the Hongkong Telephone Company, and his reply had been received. He regretted that the finances of the Society for the Protection of Children made it impossible for his Company to instal telephones at all the Centres. The Boys and Girls' Club had, he said, offered to instal one for the use of the Society, which would make contact with the Inspectors of the Society simpler and quicker. After some discussion it was decided to accept this offer.

It was also decided to write to the Salvation Army Home and ask if it would be possible for someone to attend Police Courts and report to the Society thereon.

Miss Helen Yu tendered her resignation from the Committee, as she found that she no longer had the leisure to give the Society her full co-operation. Her resignation was accepted with regret.

The Hon. Treasurer reported that a profit of $2,302 was made on the Ball held last month. An amount of $185 had also been donated by "Dolly Varden's" from the proceeds of the Spring Fashion Show.

Mrs. W. Park consented to act as Honorary Secretary to the Creche at West Point.

It was suggested that knitted coats be made by the Committee during the summer so that they would be ready for the poor children when the cold weather set in. Wool for this purpose will be purchased and available at the next meeting.

The meeting adjourned until June 14, at 10 a.m. at the Helena May Institute.

WORKERS SATISFIED

The two-month-old strike at the Chung Hwa Book Company plant was satisfactorily concluded to-day when 1,344 men went back to work. They included 705 recalcitrant strikers who had held out for more money when their colleagues had already returned to work after a brief walk-out.

No further trouble is expected as the men now seem perfectly satisfied with conditions.

Soldier Wins Discharge

Alibi Upsets Police Allegations

Accused of burglary at the Neptune Bar, Gloucester Road, on the evening of May 6, Pte. Hugh Kilpatrick, of the Royal Scots Regiment, was found not guilty by Mr. H. R. Butters at the Central Magistracy this morning, and discharged.

Kilpatrick was alleged by the police to have gone into the Neptune Bar about 11 p.m. on May 6 and to have later passed bottles of liquor to other soldiers who were waiting in the backyard of the bar.

Yesterday, witnesses gave evidence for the defence. Liu Kwai-chun, a cabaret girl employed at the Queen's Dance Hall, said she saw Kilpatrick in the Hall about 9 p.m. and he danced with her for about half an hour after midnight. She could not say whether he stayed in the dance hall from 9 p.m. to after midnight without leaving.

Wong Kon-chau, manager of the dance hall, said he also saw Kilpatrick at the Hall about 9 p.m. and he was still there when the Hall closed at 1 a.m. Defendant was not in uniform, and witness did not see any bottles of drink about. Witness could not say whether defendant left the dance hall or not in that time.

Pte. J. Ellison, Royal Scots, said he met Kilpatrick at the dance hall about 10 p.m. and they remained together until 1 a.m.

Replying to Detective Sub-Inspector W. N. Darkin, who prosecuted, witness said there was another soldier with them. During their stay in the dance hall, they ordered coffee.

Pte. J. Coyle, Royal Scots, said he was the third man in Kilpatrick's company, and defendant did not leave the dance hall while witness was with him.

L/Cpl. S. Huntley, Royal Scots, said he saw Kilpatrick in the Queen's Dance Hall. Witness left about 11.55 p.m. and shortly before that, a fight occurred between some soldiers. Kilpatrick started over to separate the fighters, but witness pulled him back and told him to sit down. Defendant, said witness, was under the influence of drink. Kilpatrick had arrived at the dance hall a little before 10 p.m.

Giving his decision, his Worship said he was not prepared to convict defendant, not only in view of the evidence given for the defence but in view of the most unsatisfactory nature of the evidence given by the witnesses from the bar. The only man whose evidence bore any weight among them was the manager. There were considerable contradictions in the evidence of the two Chinese.

Defendant was accordingly discharged.

ARAB RULER'S SON WELCOMED TO JAPAN

Tokyo, May 10.

Mohammedans, residing near here turned out en masse last night to greet Prince Hassan, third son of the King of Yemen (Arabia, as he arrived to attend the dedication ceremony of Tokyo's first mosque on May 12.—*Domei.*

As I See Sport — By "Abe".

STAGE ALL SET FOR DRAMATIC TENNIS FINAL

Who Will Win? The Tsuis Or The Rumjahn Cousins?

EVER since that memorable match in 1936 when the Tsui brothers defeated the Rumjahn cousins in the third round of the Colony tennis doubles championship, many have wondered what the result of a return encounter would be. In the two years which have elapsed since that day, the two pairs have never met in the open championship; the Rumjahns entered again as usual last year but Tsui Wai-pui was away in Europe representing China in the Davis Cup competition. It is inevitable, though, that so long as the Rumjahns and the Tsuis remain in the forefront of local tennis they are bound to clash sooner or later. That moment has now arrived: the two pairs meet this afternoon on the standcourt of the Hongkong Cricket Club to contest the final of the 1938 doubles championship. It is fitting also that such a momentous encounter should be in the final, for the two pairs are head and shoulders above any other combination in the Colony.

A Blood Match

MORE than ordinary interest is attached to the encounter because it is a "blood" match. On one side will be the cousins, whose supremacy in the doubles game during the last 13 years has only once been successfully challenged, determined to proved that their defeat by the Chinese was only a temporary lapse; and on the other will the brothers out to show that their 1936 success was no flash in the pan. The stage is set for a dramatic struggle. If events turn out as one is entitled to expect, then a first-class game should be seen this afternoon. The Tsuis beat the Rumjahns in the third round in 1936 by 6-2, 5-7, 6-4, but to-day's match will be over five sets—an entirely different proposition altogether. The Rumjahns have proved time and again that over a five-set match they are very difficult to beat, and I think the Tsuis will find this equally true to-day. To my mind, the Rumjahns have a better chance of beating the brothers over five sets than over three; but the cousins' advantage in this respect is counterbalanced by the great improvement shown by the young Tsui, whose marathon struggle against "H.D." has stamped him as a very promising player indeed. Taking everything into consideration, the two pairs seem very well-matched. The Chinese have youth and power of stroking in their favour; against these, the Rumjahns have experience and a ripe understanding. In a match in which two such pairs are in opposition, it would take a bold man to prophesy the result. Many people have expressed the view that the Chinese should win, contending that Tsui Wai-pui will prove himself the deciding factor. I am inclined to agree that the Tsuis will win *if both of them produce their best form*; but the Rumjahns demonstrated against Willie Hung and E.C. Fincher recently that there is still plenty of life in the old dogs yet, and any perceptible weakening on the part of the Chinese may give them the opportunity for which they have been looking.

A Quick Slide

CHAMPIONS of the First Division last season; now to be relegated to the Second Division. Such is the unhappy experience of Manchester City in the English Football League—an experience almost unparalleled in the history of the competition. Seldom before, if ever, has a club made such a rapid descent. Accompanying the City down to the Second Division are West Bromwich Albion, who regained their senior status in 1931 after being relegated in 1927. It is when we see First Division teams suffering from ignominies of the description now being experienced by Manchester City that we feel like doffing our hats to the Arsenal who, despite injuries and all other ills which footballers are heirs to, always seem to be able to remain in the forefront as the "glamour team" of English football. Once again the Gunners have carried off the championship; they "pipped" the Wolverhampton Wanderers at the post by beating Bolton Wanderers at Highbury on Saturday by five goals to nil. The two points which they gained from this victory gave them an advantage of the point over the Wolves, who unfortunately had to visit Sunderland, where away teams seldom come off best. Not unexpectedly, the Wolves suffered the same fate as many other teams this season, and lost by the only goal of the match. One cannot help sympathising with the Wolves in thus being thwarted at the finish. Had they won, they would have been deserving champions if only for the magnificent displays which they have put up during the season. Capable of rising to great heights, this team of youngsters has supplied some of the best football in the campaign just concluded. Their main fault was that they could also sink pretty low, and they lost several games which they should normally have won. On the other hand, the Arsenal have been struggling along often without their centre-forward, Ted Drake, and almost throughout the season without Roberts, their "stopper" centre-half, whose place was so capably filled by Bernard Joy, the amateur. Yet they have always maintained a certain standard.

Villa's Return

MANY will be pleased to see the return of Aston Villa to the First Division. The Villa's taste of Second Division soccer has lasted only two seasons. Their reinstatement was obviously only a matter of time: a team with such a reputation and with such great resources at its beck and call cannot be expected to be kept out of senior football for long. Going up with the Villa are Manchester United, who were relegated together with Sheffield Wednesday last year. So, whatever consolation Manchester football enthusiasts may derive lies in the fact that one Manchester team at least remains in the premier division.

One Will Retire

SO confident are professional tennis circles that Donald Budge will turn professional next season that a private agreement has reportedly been reached between Fred Perry and Ellsworth Vines to take care of the contingency. Perry and Vines are said to have decided that the loser of this season's tennis tour will retire from the tennis field, leaving the winner free to face Budge in what could only be a series of highly profitable matches. The drawing power of the Perry-Vines matches has lessened considerably this season, and a new element is needed to revitalise professional tennis. Budge versus Perry would undoubtedly be a highly successful combination.

Tennis To Start At 4.15 p.m.

It was officially announced this morning by Mr. P. E. Baskett, Hon. Secretary of the Hongkong Cricket Club, that the doubles tennis final this afternoon will start at 4.15 p.m. His Excellency the Governor, Sir Geoffry Northcote, has signified his intention of being present at the match.

BRITAIN LEADS IN DAVIS CUP

Wins Doubles In Straight Sets

Harrogate, May 9.

Great Britain leads Rumania by two matches to one in their Davis Cup first round tie following a victory in the doubles.

F. H. D. Wilde and D. W. Butler were lucky to beat Carioulis and Schmidt in straight sets, the scores being 8-6, 7-5, 6-2.—Reuter.

A *Trans-Ocean* message states that the Rumanian players put up a gallant fight in the first two sets but their resistance noticeably weakened in the third.

FRANCE THROUGH

The Hague, May 9.

France beat Holland by 3-2 and thus earns the right to meet Monaco in the second round of the competition.

On the last day Petra defeated Van Sowl by 6-0, 6-3, 6-2 whilst Destromeau beat Hughan by 6-4, 6-2, 6-2. —*Trans-Ocean.*

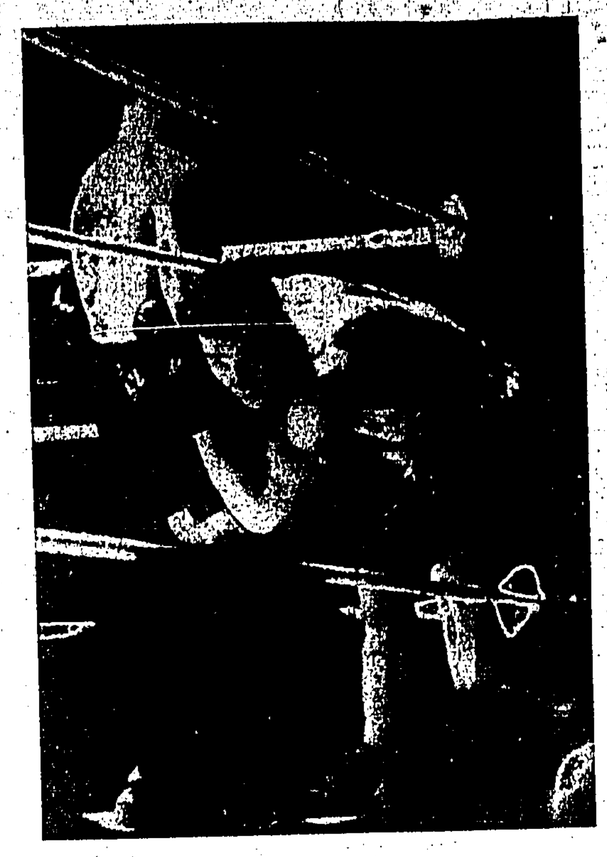
GERMAN TEAM

Berlin, May 9.

The names of the four German tennis players nominated by the German Lawn Tennis Association as Reichs representatives in the Davis Cup tie with Norway were announced here to-day. The four members of the German team will be Henner Henkel, Goepfert, Redl and von Metaxa.

The two last named players, who are both Austrians, will represent Germany for the first time in the forthcoming tie which will be played either in Berlin or in Hamburg on May 20 and the two following days.

The definite line up of the German team for the matches will be announced in a few days.—*Trans-Ocean.*



"I'm-the-winner" expression on Len Harvey's face during an on-the-ropes interlude in his victorious fight against Jock McAvoy last month.

LEN HARVEY WINS McAVOY'S TITLE ON POINTS

Great Defence Beats Handicap Of Cut Eye

From a Special Correspondent

London, Apr. 8.

Len Harvey, hero of several hundred fights, won back the British cruiser-weight title at Harringay Arena last night, but Jock McAvoy, the champion gave him one of the hardest fights of his career.

The verdict on points could not have been by a very large margin. In fact, there were many, both at the ringside and in the far-off seats, who disagreed.

To my mind it was the only decision, for Harvey proved himself too clever a ring general to be beaten by the heavy punching of his rival.

He boxed under the handicap of a badly gashed eye for major portions of the contest. This occurred in the third round and was reopened in almost every subsequent session.

Skilful patching between the rounds saved the injury from becoming too serious while Harvey's cleverness foiled McAvoy's efforts to add to the injury.

CONSTANT ATTACK

McAvoy, as usual, kept up a constant attack, boring in to hit out with tremendous swings and hooks.

Harvey, noted as a let-hand hitter, did not use this hand to the extent expected.

He made greater play with his right than he has ever done before, and this change of tactics went a long way towards gaining him victory.

He drove home his right on many occasions as the champion launched his attack.

One splendid blow at the end of one round almost scored what would have been the only knock down in the fight.

ACCURATE HARVEY

McAvoy never gave up boring in and unleashing blows with both hands, and the fact that Harvey's face was covered in blood long before the end of the contest bore testimony to his hard hitting.

But a good percentage of his blows were neatly parried or caught on the arms and shoulders, whereas Harvey was much more accurate.

For the first few rounds the challenger boxed on the defensive, but after he had been shaken once or twice he came back at McAvoy fiercely and more than held his own.

By the tenth Harvey increased his efforts, only to find his opponent bringing every artifice of the ring into play and steadily winning the points.

The last two rounds showed McAvoy all out to score a decisive win and retain his title, while Harvey met punch for punch in what now developed to almost a slogging match.

HEAVY PUNISHMENT

The punishment the pair took in these final sessions was phenomenal.

Cheered on by the madly excited crowd, they gave blow for blow with defence cast aside.

McAvoy in my opinion almost brought matters level with this last great-hearted effort, but in the final moment Harvey called on his last reserve of strength and smashed back with terrific punches that were better directed than those sent in by his rival.

"Now for Tommy Farr," said Harvey after the fight. "I had made up my mind to win and now I do not see how I can be regarded as anything but the logical contender for the heavy-weight title."

"I really thought I had won," McAvoy said, "but there it is. Anyway, it was a great scrap."

Kay Was Too Erratic

Beaten By Mrs. King

By Stanley N. Doust

London, Apr. 9.

Miss Kay Stammers lost in the semi-final of the women's singles in the Surrey hard-court lawn tennis championship at Rochampton Club, S.W., yesterday to Mrs. M. R. King, the Wightman Cup captain, by 6—4, 4—6, 6—6. That was the highlight of the day's play.

Miss Betty Nuthall was beaten by Miss Jean Saunders in the other semi-final by 7—9, 6—2, 3—6. That was a minor surprise.

The finalists in the men's singles are R. Shayes, who beat J. S. Olliff by 4—6, 6—4, 6—3, and C. E. Malfroy, who beat L. Shaffi by 6—2, 6—6.

The Mrs. King v. Miss Stammers match followed the long three-set match between Miss Saunders and Miss Nuthall, and although this was good in strokes, there was such a monotonous sameness about its character.

Miss Stammers was in one of her erratic moods. At one moment she was lamentably bad, and the next so brilliant that she made Mrs. King look quite an ordinary player. Then just as we thought Miss Stammers could not lose she lapsed again into her erratic mood.

TENACIOUS GAME

On the other hand, Mrs. King played her usual tenacious game, her form varied hardly at all, and her tactics were shrewd.

Miss Stammers in the opening set was 1—3 down, then in a brilliant burst won four games in a row and the set in the tenth game. Her drop shots were much in evidence, and her volleying superb.

She lost the first three games in the second set, made another come back, and the set level at three all and four all. This time Mrs. King would not be denied, and won the set to square the match.

Mrs. King then went on to win the first four games of the final set, but was caught at four all, in which period Miss Stammers could not go wrong. Level at five all and at 6—5 Miss Stammers survived two match points against her.

Mrs. King won the odd game for 7—6, and Miss Stammers, at 40—15 in the next, tried two drop shots and missed them. Mrs. King kept a perfect length at this stage, and won the game for a very fine match.

BRITAIN HAS BIG CHOICE FOR THE WALKER CUP

But Americans Confident Of Remaining On Top

The Selection Committee appointed by the Royal and Ancient Club to choose a team to represent Great Britain in the Walker Cup match against the United States at St. Andrew's on June 3 and 4 has added to the earlier list of players nominated to take part in trial games at St. Andrew's next month. John Beck has already been appointed captain.

When the original list of 16 was issued surprise was caused by some notable omissions. Now that the names of nine other players have been added some unexpected choices occur in the comprehensive list of 25.

The inclusion of A. Dowie is the chief surprise. He is practically unknown outside St. Andrew's, where he keeps a tobacconist shop, but he is one of the finest amateur golfers in the city and has won the amateur championship of St. Andrew's for the past three years.

The fact that the Selection Committee has chosen Dowie, James Fitzsimmons, the Irish open amateur champion and steward at the Royal Portrush club, and Charles Stowe, a colliery worker, disposes of the criticism that the choice of British players has been restricted by social position, and that selections have not gone sufficiently far afield.

The inclusion of Harry Bentley, the English champion two years ago, and D. H. R. Martin, a former Oxford Blue, one of the best golfers in the south, remedies what was considered a serious omission from the original list. Ivor Thomas is one of the best left-handed players in the game, and A. A. Duncan, a former Oxford University captain, now in the Welsh Guards, is Army champion and a first-class golfer.

YOUNG PLAYERS

Eric McRuvie has already played in the Walker Cup match, while Lindsay, a former boy champion, and McLeod have played for Scotland.

The majority of the nominees are young players who are being tested for a British international match for the first time. It is a bold experiment, which will commend itself to all.

Britain has never yet beaten the United States in this series and advance publicity from America states that this year the "odds should be 1,000 to 1 on the United States."

Only four men who played in the last Walker Cup match, in America two years ago, Hector Thomson, Gordon Peters, Harry Bentley, and John Langley, are included in the comprehensive list.

Now the selectors are faced with their most difficult task—choosing eight players and two reserves to take part in the match, from the galaxy of talent taking part in the trials.

THE PLAYERS

First List

E. Bromley-Davenport (Wilmslow), J. Bruen, jun. (Muskerry), L. G. Crawley (Brancepeth Castle), C. Ewing (Co. Sligo), J. Graham (Wilderness), J. E. Gent (Bradford Moor), E. D. Hamilton (Ralston), A. Jamieson (Pollok), A. T. Kyle (Sandmoor), J. D. A. Langley (Cambridge Univ.), D. H. Lewis (Cardiff), J. J. F. Pennink (R. Ashdown Forest), G. B. Peters (Ferreneze), K. B. Scott (Oxford University), C. Stowe (Penn), H. Thomson (Williamwood).

Latest Nominations

D. H. R. Martin (St. George's, Sandwich), H. G. Bentley (Hesketh), I. E. Thomas (R. Liverpool); A. A. Duncan (The Army), J. Lindsay (Falkirk Tryst), Eric McRuvie (Leven Thistle), W. H. S. McLeod (Old Ranfurley), Andrew Dowie (St. Andrew's Thistle), J. Fitzsimmons (Ireland).

BUDGET FOR OLYMPIC SWIMMERS

Chicago, May 9.

The U.S. Olympic Swimming Committee has approved an estimated budget of $3,500 for the American swimming team to the 1940 Olympic Games at Tokyo.—*United Press.*

BLUNDER THE F. A. MUST NOT REPEAT

But No Big Change In Team For Berlin

By Arbiter (Frank M. Carruthers)

London, Apr. 13.

The England team when they play in Berlin on May 14 may expect to have arrayed against them the combined talent of Germany and Austria.

By this amalgamation Germany may be raised to the position of premier football team in Europe, and the match will probably be harder to win.

Although the English authorities have not yet been officially informed of this arrangement—so far as they are concerned the match is still against Germany—I do not think they will offer any objection to the change of plan.

They are bound to recognise that the Sindelars and the Szestas have been embraced in the realm of German football.

It has not yet been officially decided to include Austrians in the team to oppose England. I am told, however, that it is the intention to play a mixed side against Portugal on April 24, and if the experiment is successful it will be carried out against England.

The doubt seems to be whether the German and Austrian styles can be made to blend.

NO SCHEMING

England's team for the game in Berlin is to be chosen on the eve of the Cup Final, when the elders on the F.A. Selection Committee may, with their complacency and ripe philosophy, find it easy to forget their blunders over the match with Scotland.

Fortunately, on this occasion, schemes to keep players out of the team because they are required by their clubs for League matches will not be required. There may, in fact, be healthy competition for places.

I hope those members of the committee who are "amateur" at heart and rarely see a League match will be content to leave the choice of the team to those properly qualified to judge.

My fear is that all the work o building the side in the early part of the season which was largely undertaken by representatives of the League will be destroyed.

Previous successes could be traced to the play of the inside forwards. Failure against Scotland could be attributed to the same cause and the defects will be removed only by repairing this flagrant weakness. To pick a new team would be to undo everything. Few changes are necessary.

TOURISTS MAINTAIN GOOD FORM

Australian Cricketers Defeat Leicester

London, May 9.

The Australian cricket tourists gave further proof of their great batting strength by hitting up 590 for five wickets before declaring in their match against Leicestershire. In their two opening games they scored 541 against Worcestershire and 670 for seven wickets against Oxford University.

To the total of 590, C.L. Badcock contributed 198, A.L. Hassett 148 and A.G. Chipperfield 104 not out.

Leicestershire had made 107 for the loss of five wickets when stumps were drawn for the day. C.S. Dempster was 50 not out.

MIDDLESEX v. WARWICK

At Lord's, Middlesex took only two days to beat Warwickshire by nine wickets.

Middlesex scored 283 in their first innings, Paine taking five wickets for 53 runs. Warwickshire, in reply, made only 87 (Smith five for 41) and in the follow-on 251, Smith this time claiming four victims for 50.

Requiring 56 runs to win, Middlesex accomplished this with the loss of one wicket.

NORTHANTS v. NOTTS

At Northampton, Nottinghamshire defeated Northamptonshire by eight wickets.

Northants made 154 and 142 (Butler 4 for 22, Staples 4 for 38), and Notts had 253 (Partridge 5 for 77) and 44 for two wickets.—Reuter.

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TO-MORROW AT THE ALHAMBRA

BASEBALL PROGRAMME CURTAILED

Pittsburgh Pirates Slip Up Again

New York, May 9.

Rain and cold caused a curtailment in the National and American Baseball League matches to-day, three matches being played in the National section and two in the American.

Pittsburgh Pirates slipped up again when they met Boston Braves although they took the game to ten innings before going under. A feature of the match was the home run scored by Vincent DiMaggio, a brother of the more famous Joe.

Cincinnati Reds improved their position with a 9-4 win over Philadelphia Phillies. They deserved their victory as they connected 14 times for "safeties" against the Phillies' seven. St. Louis Cardinals beat Brooklyn Dodgers by 9-7.

Washington Senators had a comfortable victory over the St. Louis Browns, finishing up on the winning end of a 7-1 score. The Boston Red Sox also had things much their own way against Cleveland Indians. Two home runs by Fox and one by Cronin helped things along.

Scores:

NATIONAL LEAGUE

	R.	H.	E.
Boston	7	16	1
Pittsburgh	5	12	1

(Ten innings were played. Vincent DiMaggio homered for the Braves).

Brooklyn	7	15	1
St. Louis	9	15	2
Philadelphia	4	7	3
Cincinnati	9	14	0

The match between New York Giants and Chicago Cubs was postponed owing to the cold.

AMERICAN LEAGUE

St. Louis	1	7	0
Washington	7	14	0
Cleveland	3	6	2
Boston	15	11	0

(Fox homered twice and Cronin once for the Boston Red Sox).—*Reuter.*

SHARE PRICES

The following is the list of local share quotations issued this morning.

Banks

H.H. Bank, $1,585 n.
H.K. Banks, (Lon. Reg.), £93½ n.
Chartered Banks, £12⅝ n.
Mercantile Bank, A. and B. £28 n.
Mercantile Bank, C., £14 n.
East Asia Bank, $90 n.

Insurances

Canton Ins., $257 n.
Union Ins., $527 n.
China Underwriters, $2¼ n.
H.K. Fire In., $233 n.

Shipping

Douglas, $85 n.
H.K. Steamboats, $22¼ b.
Indo-Chinas (Pref.), $60 n.
Indo-Chinas (Def.), $24 n.
Shell Bearer, 83/1½ n.
Union Waterboats, $8.90 n.

Docks etc.

H.K. & W. Wharves, $138 n.
H.K. & W. Docks, $22 s.
H.K. & W. Docks (new), $21¾ n.
H.K. & W. Docks Rts, $11 n.
Providents (old), $3.90 b.
Providents (new), $3.85 n.
New Engineerings, Sh. $4.05 n.
Shanghai Docks, Sh. $94 n.
Kailan Mining Adm. 16/3 n.
Raubs, $9¼ b.
Venz: Goldfield, $2.60 b.
Hongkong Mines, 11 cts. n.

Philippine Mining

Antamoks, P. .49 sa.
Atoks, P. .24 sa.
Baguio Gold, P. .20 sa.
Benguet Consol., P. .9.30 sa.
Benguet Explor., —
Big Wedge, P. —
Coco Groves, P. .52 sa.
Consolidated Mines, P. —
Demonstrations, P. —
E. Mindanao, P. —
Gumaus G'fields, P. —
Ipo Gold, P. —
I.X.L., P. .67 sa.
Itogons, P. —
Masbate Consols., P. —
Min. Resources, P. —
Northern Min., P. —
Paracale Gumaus, P. —
Salacot Mining, P. —
San Mauricio, P. .43 sa.
Suyoc Consol., P. .10½ sa.
United Paracales, P. —

Lands, Hotels, etc.

H. and S. Hotels, $7.35 b.
H.K. Lands, $37 sa.
H.K. Lands, 4% Deben $101 b.
S'hai Lands, Sh. $9 n.
Metropolitan Lands, Sh. —
Humphries, $0.15 b.
H.K. Realies, $5.00 b.
Chinese Estates, $100 n.
China Realties, Sh. —
China Debent, —

Public Utilities

H.K. Tramways, $17.30 b.
Peak Trams (old), $7 b.
Peak Trams (new), $3¾ n.
Star Ferries, $80½ b.
Yaumati Ferries (old), $24½ b.
China Light (old), $12.30 b.
China Light (new), $9.20 b.
H.K. Electric, $61¾ b. and sa.
Macao Electric, $17¾ b.
Sandakan Lights, $14¼ n.
Telephone (old), $27.80 b.
Telephone (new), $10.00 n.
China Buses, Sh. —
Singapore Tractions, 22/- n.
Singapore Pref., 23/- n.

Industrials

Cald: Macg. (old), Sh. $14¾ n.
Cald: Macg. (Pref.), Sh. $12¼ n.
Canton Ices. $1.70 n.
Cements, $18 b.
H.K. Ropes, $4.70 n.

Stores, &c.

Dairy Farm, $25½ n.
Watsons, $6⅛ n.
Lane Crawfords, $9¼ n.
Sincerces, $2.20 n.
Wing On (H.K.), $80 b.
William Powell, Ltd., 70 cts. n.

Cotton Mills

Ewo Cotton, Sh. $12¾ n.
S'hai Cotton (old), Sh. $74 n.
Zoong Sings, Sh. —
Wing On Textiles, Sh. $45 b.

Miscellaneous

H.K. Entertainments, $6.60 b.
Constructions, $1⅛ b.
Vibro Piling, $5¼ n.
Ch. Govt. 4% 1925 G$Bonds., 61% prm. n.
H.K. Govt. 4% Loan 6% prm. n.
H.K. Govt. 3½% Loan 2% prm. b.
Wallace Harpers, —
Marsmans Ins. (Lon.), s/- 11/9 b. n.
Marsmans Ins (H.K.) s/- 4/3 b.

Great Mile By Schoolboy At The White City

Thrilling Half Mile

By J. P. Jordan

London, Apr. 11.

A brilliant mile by A. H. Chivers (Wycliffe), who knocked four-fifths of a second off S. C. Wooderson's record at the corresponding meeting five years ago, stood out as the finest feat accomplished at the Public Schools Challenge Cup meeting which concluded at the White City on Saturday.

Chivers is not unlike the world's record-holder Wooderson, in build and effortless style of running. He allowed D. W. Parks (Ardingly) to take him along until the last lap, when he lengthened his stride, and moving with beautiful rhythm, won easily by 50 yards in 4min. 20sec.

Given normal development, Chivers should be a great miler in a few years' time.

Record was also beaten by a Green (Ampleforth) in the steeplechase, but otherwise the performances were about the average.

The biggest thrill of the afternoon was provided in the half mile, in which A. D. Buckland-Nicks (Berkhamsted) ran a splendidly judged race. After setting the pace he allowed first D. J. Mayall (Lancing) and then C. N. Jupp (Perse) to tear away in front, and reserving his own final spurt until the last 50 yards, he got home by inches.

FINE QUARTER-MILER

P. A. Soar (Epsom) is a quarter-miler of high promise. For a boy of 16½ years to win two heats on Friday in 53.3sec. and 53sec., and the final on Saturday in 52.3sec. is exceptional.

J. F. Lockwood (Queen Elizabeth's, Barnet) had no difficulty in winning the sprint and long jump for the second successive year and should be heard of again, probably as a long jumper, while the hurdles went to the best stylist, J. M. Tanner (Marlborough).

This was rather an untidy race, as several hurdles were knocked over and Tanner himself was at fault early on, but he deserved his victory.

The weight putting was good and the pole vaulting fair. Salem (Germany) were weakly represented and lost the Challenge Cup after holding it for two years. Queen Elizabeth's and Kingswood tied for the cup.

The Finals

Half Mile.—A. D. Buckland-Nicks (Berkamsted), 1; C. N. Jupp (Perse), 2; J. R. Park (University College School), 3; Inches; 2min. 3.4sec.

One Mile.—A. H. Chivers (Wycliffe), 1; D. W. Parks (Ardingly), 2; R. Goodbody (Sutton County), 3. 40 yards; 4min. 20sec. (record).

Weight.—G. L. Brown (Kingswood), 42ft. 10in. 1; P. J. Roe (Dover), 2; J. H. Shillito (Oundle), 3.

100 Yards.—J. F. Lockwood, holder (Queen Elizabeth G.S., Barnet), 1; N. A. Davis (Polytechnic), 2; R. J. B. Roach (Palmer's), 3. Two feet; 10.4sec.

One Mile Walk.—M. W Golding (Polytechnic), 1; A. V. Kay (Rutlish), 2; L. G. Smith (Latymer Upper), 3. Fifteen yards; 8min. 4.8sec.

440 Yards.—P. A. Soar (Epsom), 1; K. A. D. Forder (St. Edmund's, Canterbury), 2; J. F. B. Laing (Repton), 3. Inches; 52.3sec.

Three-quarters Mile Steeplechase.—A. Green (Ampleforth), 1; E. N. Shearly (Queen Elizabeth G.S., Barnet), 2; M. B. de Chair (Eton), 3. Six yards; 3min. 43sec. (record).

Long Jump.—J. F. Lockwood, holder (Queen Elizabeth G.S., Barnet), 22ft. 6⅝in., 1; N. A. Davis (Polytechnic), 2; D. C. V. Watts (St. George's, Harpenden), 3.

Pole Vault.—D. Rosser (Bancroft's), 10ft. 1; E. A. Moir (Bedford), 2; R. E. Davies (Manchester G.S.), 3. Rosser won on a count of faults.

120 Yards Hurdles.—J. M. Tanner (Marlborough), 1; L. R. Thomas (King's, Wimbledon), 2; D. C. Brierley (Blundell's), 3. Yards; 10.5sec.

MANILA SHARES

The following business done quotations were received after the close of the morning session by Swan, Culbertson & Fritz from their Manila office:

	Business Done Prices in Pesos
Antamok	Unquoted
Atok	.24
Baguio Gold	.20
Benguet Consolidated	9.20
Coco Grove	.49
Consolidated Mines	Unquoted
Demonstration	Unquoted
I.X.L.	.65
Mine Operation	Unquoted
Paracale Gumaus	Unquoted
San Mauricio	.42
Suyoc	Unquoted
United Paracale	Unquoted

The tone of the market:—Quiet.

ASSISTANT "A. G." TITLE ABOLISHED

The Legislative Council at its meeting on Thursday, will be asked to approve a motion by the Attorney General that the title "Assistant Attorney General" be changed to that of "Crown Counsel" for all purposes.

OUR GUIDE TO THE CINEMAS

"Farewell Again" (King's Theatre, to-day).—For those who complain that there are insufficient good English pictures in the Colony, this will be a welcome treat. Well-handled, the film shows the reactions of different people who, after serving years in India, are on their way back to England with the prospect of leave at Home only to be told that they have only six hours at Southampton; the regiment has just been ordered to the Near East. Leslie Banks and Flora Robson have the chief roles.

"Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs" (Queen's and Alhambra Theatres, to-day).—As refreshing as a cool breeze on a hot summer's day, and as welcome as a pay increase, the new and greatest Walt Disney production is here at last. A landmark of film making, it was an amazing feat to inject such dramatic realism and spontaneity into what, after all, are merely so many photographed drawings. This is truly motion picture art, not to mention its being one of the most captivating screen experiences we have had. It is as entertaining for adults as it undoubtedly is for the kiddies.

"Strike Me Pink" (Oriental Theatre, to-day).—An old Eddie Cantor favourite, containing all the ingredients which made all the Eddie Cantor films entertaining. It is being shown for only one day.

"Kid Millions" (Majestic Theatre, to-day).—Another Eddie Cantor hit. Ann Sothern and Ethel Merman help to keep the picture at a fast pace.

EXCHANGE RATES

	May 5.	May 8.
Paris	178.9/32	177.25/32
Geneva	21.77	21.77½
Berlin	12.39¾	12.38¾
Athens	547½	547½
Milan	94⅞	94⅝
Oslo	19.90	19.90
Copenhagen	22.40	22.40
Stockholm	19.40	19.40
Helsingfors	226⅛	226⅛
Brussels	29.61½	29.57½
Shanghai	1/0⅝	1/0⅝
New York	4.99	4.97 11/16
Vienna	26½	26½
Amsterdam	8.97⅞	8.98¾
Prague	143⅝	142⅞
Madrid	Nom.	Nom.
Lisbon	110 1/16	110 1/16
Hongkong	1/5 13/16	1/5 13/16
Bombay	1/5.29/32	1/5.29/32
Montreal	5.01½	5.00¾
Yokohama	1/2	1/2
Belgrade	217	217
Bucharest	677½	677½
Montevideo	19¾	19¾
Buenos Aires	19.01½	19.01½
Rio de Janeiro	2 13/16	2 13/16
Silver (Spot)	18⅝	18 11/16
Silver (forward)	18 11/16	18 7/16
War Loan	101 1/16	101⅝

—*British Wireless.*

HARVEY WANTS TO MEET FARR

But First Will Take A Rest

London, Apr. 9.

Len Harvey, now British cruiser-weight champion, stated yesterday that he is to have a two-months rest, and then he is after a fight with Tommy Farr for Farr's British and Empire heavy-weight titles.

"My left hand was damaged in Thursday's title fight with McAvoy, and is badly swollen, but a complete rest will put it right," he said. "Then I am going after the heavy-weight title. As soon as Farr likes to return from America he can have a match.

"The Board of Control recently nominated Ben Foord and Eddie Phillips to meet in the final eliminating contest for Farr's title. I am quite prepared to meet the winner, if necessary, before tackling Farr.

"Let me pay a tribute to McAvoy's great fighting," he went on. "I want it known that my injured eye was caused by a fair punch. It was a left hook. That did not concern me a great deal—it was my left hand that was the trouble."

McAVOY'S VIEW

McAvoy, who returned to Manchester yesterday, was of the opinion that he was unlucky not to have been awarded the decision.

"I am," he said, "willing to fight Harvey again for a substantial sidestake. I think I can regain the title."

Mr. Harry Levene, McAvoy's London agent, stated that he is applying to the British Boxing Board of Control for a scrutiny of the referee's score card, as he was greatly surprised that the referee awarded the fight to Harvey without first consulting his score card.

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TENNIS PRACTICE AT K.C.C.

Kowloon Cricket Club mixed doubles league teams are to hold a practice match at the club on Thursday when the following players will take part:

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Messrs. E. C. Fincher, E. F. Fincher, G. C. Burnett, S. A. Gray, G. Clarke, and A. E. P. Guest.

Shayes Making Sure Of Davis Cup Place

By Stanley N. Doust

London, Apr. 13.

The Davis Cup probables continued their trials against each other at the Melbury Hard Court Club, Kensington, yesterday, the results of which will undoubtedly influence the selectors in choosing the team.

Two, Messrs. Prebble and Stowe (out of five), were watching, and I think their presence had a nervous influence on some of the players—particularly Filby—because he was less adventurous than on Monday and more patchy.

R. Shayes, in my opinion, is certain for a place in the team. Yesterday he beat Filby by 6—1, 6—4, 6—1.

In some respects Shayes reminds me of F. J. Perry in his cat-like quickness about the court, his manner of hitting on the forehand and his uncanny anticipation. Filby seemed nervy. First of all he could not get a firm foothold and he blamed his shoes, and sent for others which obviously were not his. They had useful rope soles but appeared two sizes too large.

The change made a difference for he played better lawn tennis in the second set and led by 3—2. Shayes, however, was his master yesterday, and Filby went down badly in the last set.

DOUR FIGHT

It took C. M. Jones from half-past three till just after half-past five to beat the Scotsman, D. McPhail, by 6—2, 11—9, 12—10. The feature about this match was the dourness of the fight rather than its quality.

Jones began well and McPhail badly and both suffered from the same complaint—they were too anxious to make the last point for a set or a match point. McPhail, by grim hanging-on, led by 5—4 in the second set and 15—40 on Jones's service in the next game. Then McPhail made two dreadful shots and lost his chance. Game for game till 9—all, when Jones took the lead and then held his own service for the set. The third set was similar except Jones at 9—8 led by 40—15 and threw away his chance of clinching matters with three very bad shots. And so they went on till 10—all. Jones broke through, and at 40—0 on his own service aced McPhail to win a close tie.

The two prospective doubles players, F. H. D. Wilde and D. Butler, also had a nerve-racking match. Butler won by 6—2, 6—0, 4—6, 9—7.

Girl Of 13 Wins Rifle Contest

Down Curdridge way, in Hampshire, lives a thirteen-year-old girl who shoots bull's-eyes while her little friends are playing hopscotch.

Her name is Edna Dearlove. She had a thirteenth birthday party on March 3 and carried on the celebrations by winning the Southampton Rifle League's "Scalp" individual competition.

Who ever heard of a thirteen-year-old winning an important rifle shooting contest? She scored 98—two short of the possible. No fluke, for Edna averaged 95.06 in fifteen matches prior to her thirteenth birthday.

It looks as though we have another Marjorie Foster (King's prize winner) growing up.

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SPARE MOMENT PAGE

MERRILY WE LIVE

ADAPTED FROM THE Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer PICTURE

by LUCY HUFFAKER

PRECEDING CHAPTERS:

Mrs. Kilbourne, against the wishes of her family, has a habit of taking in tramps. Ambrose who had been chauffeur departs with all the silver. When Wade Rawlins, shabby and stranded, because his rickety old car has fallen into the ravine, appears, she insists, despite his protests, that he stay and fill the vacant place.

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Chapter Three

Wade looked cautiously around the room. He drew a long breath. He was alone, at last. Where he ran — what awaited him at the end didn't matter now. All he wanted was to get away from this house which seemed to be occupied by lunatics.

"Oh, no you don't!"

It was the voice of the butler. It reached him clearly, so firm and loud it was, despite that fact that Grosvenor creeping up on him, had clamped down on his head, a basket filled with flowers.

"Thought you'd get away, did you? Trouble with you sneak thieves is you don't think quick."

Grosvenor was backing him across the room. He held him firmly with one hand and managed with the other to get the telephone.

"Police Headquarters, quick," he shouted into the phone and then to Rawlins who was making an attempt to wrench himself loose: "Take it easy...You haven't a — Police Headquarters? Send men at once — "

Jerry dashed into the room and took the phone from Grosvenor.

"I'm just waiting for your daughter. You see, I'm the new chauffeur."

"What's going on here," she demanded.

"This — person was trying to make a get-away," said Grosvenor.

"And I thought I could trust you," Jerry said sadly to Wade. Then into the phone: "I'm sorry, we don't need any police today, thank you. Just a mistake — one of those things you know."

Grosvenor tried to protest. Jerry removed the basket from Wade's head before she answered.

"It makes no difference what you saw. He's our new tramp. We're bound to have one at least around the place — you know Mother. So I've appointed myself the judge of who stays, who goes. This one stays. And now—" turning to Wade —"did you take anything?"

"Perhaps you will take my word for it — although why you should I don't know — that I didn't. If not it is your privilege to have me searched, I will not resist nor will I object."

"No one will search you. But just to satisfy my curiosity, will you tell me why you were trying to run away?"

"I just wanted to get out of here."

"That's gratitude for you! Here you have a chance for a new life, different from any you have ever known, and you try to dodge taking it. Do you want to be a down-at-the-heel tramp all your life? I thought everybody had some little spark of ambition somewhere. Don't you want a different life? A more abundant life, as the saying goes?"

She shook her head sadly as Wade answered that his mode of life had been of his own choosing and that, minor annoyances aside, it had satisfied him.

"Why you speak like a — a — well, not the way most of our tramps do. If you did, I might relent and let you go. But now I'm determined. You're going to stay right here. You'll see a different life and you will give up being a hobo. Here, Grosvenor, it's all settled. Now take him over to his quarters, see that he has a razor, soap, everything. And fish out the uniform which comes nearest fitting him. Well, what are you waiting for?"

"Only to say, Miss Kilbourne, that I'm leaving. This is too much."

"You'll leave when I say you may and not one minute before."

Grosvenor looked as if he were about to deliver a lecture on his constitutional rights, but he had just muttered something about involuntary labour, when Jerry interrupted to ask, pointedly, if it would be necessary for her to get in touch with his first wife. A look of terror was on his face, one of triumph on Jerry's.

"He's sort of a bigamist," she said in explanation to Wade.

Grosvenor, as one who knew when he had gone down to defeat, started for the garden, motioning Wade to follow him. He seemed deep in thought as they crossed the garden, muttering that he would never forgive himself. Wade asked if he meant because he was a bigamist — at least "sort" of one.

"I was not referring to that. I meant for preventing your escape."

"Don't you like tramps?"

"I try desperately to love all of God's creatures, but I never did like tramps, and since I have lived here, I loathe them, one and all."

Grosvenor, despite his feelings, was not one to shirk his duties, Rawlins saw. In a few minutes he had assembled everything necessary to enable the dirtiest tramp to look well groomed. A shower, a shave, a shampoo, clean clothes—they *were* good things Wade thought, when he had finished dressing and looked at himself in the mirror.

Now, at last, he could telephone. He walked to the door and opened it to make sure Grosvenor was not listening. No one was there. He turned to the phone and asked for a New York number. When the connection was made, an anxious voice asked him where he was. Anxiety turned to irritation when Wade answered that he was on the Pacific Coast and intended to be there for some time.

"Now, listen, Wade. You can't leave us in the lurch like this? You know what'll be to pay if you don't show up tomorrow night! Of course you can make it — hop a plane and we'll meet you at Newark. The papers are full of you — such reviews as authors and publishers dream of. Now, don't pull the modest-violet stuff on me. Hustle for the nearest plane."

"I can't get away, Al. I've turned chauffeur. — No, I'm not crazy and I haven't had a drink in a couple of days. — Sorry to have send my regrets, but listen — I'd be walking out on the best stuff I ever ran into, if I left now. Why, it's just come to me that there's enough material here for one of those trilogy affairs. Be a good pal and let me off this time. I'll keep in touch with you. In fact, I'll be seeing you some time, but that time is definitely not tomorrow."

Jerry had rushed to her room as if fearing to be late for an important engagement, but she seemed to be having difficulty in deciding what she would wear. Marian who had drifted in after her asked her if she was anxious to make an impression on Herbert Wheeler. She said she didn't know that he would be at the club. She had told him she would not have luncheon with him.

"Yes," said Marian. "I was listening in — heard you say you wouldn't marry him today, too. You should have said you never would. That would have made some sense."

Jerry ordered her to leave her room and for answer Marian sauntered over to the window.

Jerry took up the phone and asked Grosvenor to have Wade and the car waiting for her in ten minutes.

"Jerry, come here," Marian cried. "Who's that out in the garden?"

"Probably the gardner. It's a logical person to be a gardener."

"I guess I know the gardner when I see him. This man's — why it's the new tramp. He's so spic-and-span you wouldn't believe it could be the same person, now would you?"

"I could believe anything," answered Jerry as she joined her sister at the window.

Mrs. Kilbourne was below clipping roses from the bushes. She did not recognize Wade either at first.

"Good morning," she said. "I don't think we've met before, have we? Is there anything you want?"

"I'm just waiting for your daughter. You see — I'm the new chauffeur."

"Why so you are. You must pardon me, but I'm worried about the roses. Do you know anything about what to do for poor flowers when they are not in the best of health?"

"Perhaps they have the thrip."

"What a delightful word. What would you prescribe?"

Wade who had a love, if not much knowledge, of flowers felt it was the time to be serious and suggested that undoubtedly her gardener would know what to do.

"Sh-h" said Mrs. Kilbourne. "He'll probably hear us. I think he is a spy. In fact I intend to write President Roosevelt about it and ask his advice."

Wade managed to hold back the laughter which threatened him. Leave this place to be lionized at a literary dinner! His publisher must be crazy.

(To be continued)

HOW IT BEGAN

By Paul F. Berdanier

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Danger of Being Cocksure

by "An Old Stager"

THERE are some gifted people whose minds are never troubled by doubts. They are able to take clear-cut hundred-per-cent. views on all questions, however complicated and difficult, and never find themselves at a moment's loss for an emphatic opinion.

These people are not the salt, but the pepper, of the earth. They are not the material of which martyrs are made perhaps, but they are certainly the material that makes martyrs. It is the dogmatists who, all through recorded history, have nailed their colours to the mast—and humanity to the cross.

We find them exultantly busy at the present moment in the dangerous arena of foreign policy. Half of them are fanatically convinced that Mr. Neville Chamberlain has played Judas to enfranchised democracy in Europe. The other half are just as fanatically persuaded that the Prime Minister has saved the world from a second and still more disastrous edition of Armaggedon.

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Easily Gulled

And yet, even though they fail to realise the fact, these dogmatists are beset by tremendous perils. Their frame of mind lays itself so peculiarly open to autodeception. They swallow every fragment of alleged fact, no matter how suspect its propaganda source, with elate avidity, so long as it fits in nicely with their preconceived views. Any testimony contrary to their settled beliefs, even though it were as oracular as the voice of Moses from Mount Sinai, they brush impatiently aside as transparent bigotry.

It follows that such people exist perpetually in a miasma of perfervid selfdelusion. They are the easy gulls of all the plausible charlatans and confidence tricksters in Christendom and Jewry. They stand self-condemned to be the dupes of the sheerest opportunism and the fools of time. The rock on which they build their citadel is the impenetrable one of benighted ignorance.

This is shown by the fact that their dogmatism increases in exact ratio with the square of their suppressed uncertainty. The less they really understand about the subject under discussion, the more emphatic are they in their assertions about it.

It is this disastrous frame of mind, this attitude to life, which breeds the most fatal of all intellectual attitudes—the over-weening determination to believe implicitly what the victim of this hallucination wan's to believe. It was this shut-eye fatalism that made us believe that Germany after the War had undergone a fundamental change of heart. It caused us to believe that, because we were war-weary, therefore the rest of Europe was pacifist.

Geneva Danger

For those two amiable hallucinations we are now paying an appalling price. Germany is revealed to us as still the same old Germany, only a much more formidable one than before. And we are now embarking on a ruinous rearmament expenditure in a breakneck endeavour to repair the error which caused us to scrap our defence equipment.

The supreme example of this deluded fanaticism is the League of Nations. No thoughtful person, worthy of civilised citizenship can fail to be enamoured of that sublime conception. It may even be argued that, if civilisation is to stand up against the disruptive influences of sheer reactionary brute force, such an institution is a mere necessity.

But recognition of that fact, and sincere hope for its ultimate realisation, must not be permitted to blind progressive minds to the dismal fact that at the moment the League of Nations is a dangerous imposture. Until it can be given firm reality, and discharge in the international sphere the duty of policing the world as efficiently as we police our cities, to put our trust in it is as disastrous as it would be to arm ourselves with dummy guns, 'planes, and tanks.

This does not mean that the noble idea must be jettisoned for all time. Only that, until we can build solid foundations round Geneva, we must not gamble on Geneva as a Rock of Ages.

Mutual Help

Unfortunately the tendency of emotionalists, whose hopes have been centred fanatically in the League, is to accuse anyone who ventures to doubt the League's immediate efficacy of being a traitor to humanity's sole means of salvation. It may take even longer to build a solid Geneva than it did to build Rome, and Rome was not, as the old adage informs us, built in a day.

There is not much room for argument as to what must happen before the nations can put their faith implicitly in the League and proceed to turn their tanks into lawn-mowers. It is a spiritual renaissance that must ensue. Geneva will become a firm reality only when, and not before, the people of all countries concerned are prepared to make as supreme sacrifices on behalf of all countries concerned are prepared to make as supreme sacrifices on behalf of others as for themselves; when the defence of alien hearths and homes is as sacred a duty for all as is the safe-guarding of their own. Unhappily humanity seems still some distance from that degree of altruism.

This country is probably, even allowing for the deceiving national hypocrisy to which we are alleged to prone, as far advanced towards the mutual-help idea as any. Yet are we prepared now to pledge ourselves to fight to the death for the independence or freedom of Czechoslovakia, or to champion the rights of Poland with as much tenacity and self-sacrifice as we would our own native land?

The cardinal error the Labour leaders at Westminster seem to me to be committing is in refusing to recognise that no Government in London dare embark on a war, or even pledge itself to fight, unless it can be quite certain that its action or policy will command overwhelming popular support.

Surely that is the very essence of democracy? Does Mr. Attlee really think the majority of his countrymen would be willing to incur all that another European war implies for the sake of a Balkan State? Yet until we attain that standard of international morals, and nearly everybody else does so too, there can be no banking on the League of Nations.

The Government Alone Knows

One of the ablest Foreign Ministers this country has had in living recollection was the late Lord Rosebery. Let me remind the Labour Party of a fact they may have overlooked.

Lord Rosebery was strongly opposed to the Entente Cordiale with France. He suspected that it might involve us in a European war. Whether he was wise or not in this attitude, I am sure, in my own mind, that he displayed rare judgment in another direction. He once declared that, though an Opposition might fight tooth and nail to prevent a Government committing this country to a war, it ought never to endeavour to force one into a war. Only the Government, argued Lord Rosebery, could know how far our strength might be equal to such a commitment, and no party in Opposition ought to force its hands, and precipitate a war, in such circumstances.

The utmost duty of an Opposition, in such a crisis, was exampled in August 1914, when the Conservative Opposition assured the then Liberal Government of its loyal support against the German outrage. The Labour Party would greatly strengthen its position in the constituencies, and not least in the teeming industrial ones, by sedulously keeping party politics out of its foreign policy. The latter is an arena which demands something wider than a suburban outlook.

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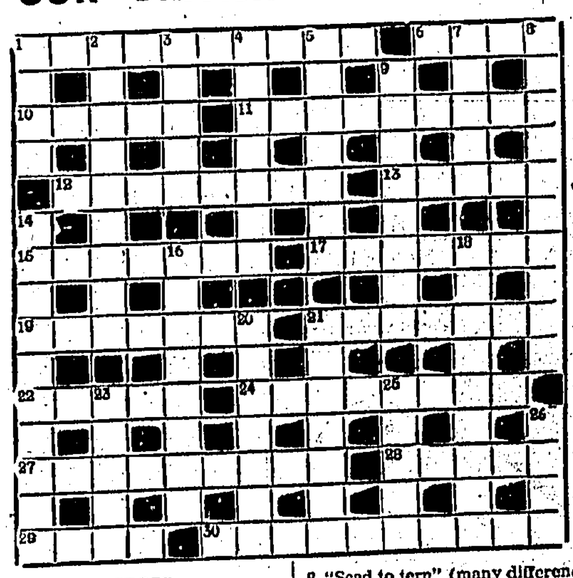

ACROSS

1 Flora (10).
6 No trivial story (4).
10 There's often this about the present, and it's often binding (5).
11 It may relieve much pain, but may leave one with the stitch for a time (9).
12 The end of a familiar cycle (8).
13 Put this with mine to make sure (5).
15 Fascist growth, evidently (7).
17 Can be made to seem sin (7).
19 Result of digging near the river Blackwater? (7).
21 French resort (7).
22 French grit can keep them warm (5).
24 Arresting form of a mad genre (8).
27 Many a man has been the last part because the pendulum wouldn't (9).
28 This ship shows a double bend? (5).
29 Were I to leave the shade it would be explosive (4).
30 This sort of fellow gets there in the end (10).

DOWN

1 A cross effort, possibly (4).
2 Would boy Scouts on tour deign to consult it? (9).
3 Two of us can't quite cover the subject (5).
4 A matter of give and take with careless and careful people (7).
5 Teeming with cricketing terms (7).
7 Proverbially fresh, but mostly vulgarly isn't (5).
8 "Send to tern" (many differences of course) (anag.) (10).
9 Briareus must have been one! (8).
14 Might be rain, or shaking the bottle (10).
16 How not to make a billiard table (8).
18 A dirty-weather warning to sailors (9).
20 This may be protected by the divided vanguard (7).
21 See the married woman about the girl with regard to behaviour (7).
23 Only the rasher people prefer him to Shakespeare (5).
25 Names a bridge that schoolboys no longer cross (5).
26 Singularly apt name for a dalmatian (4).

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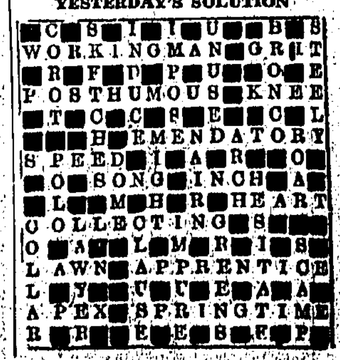

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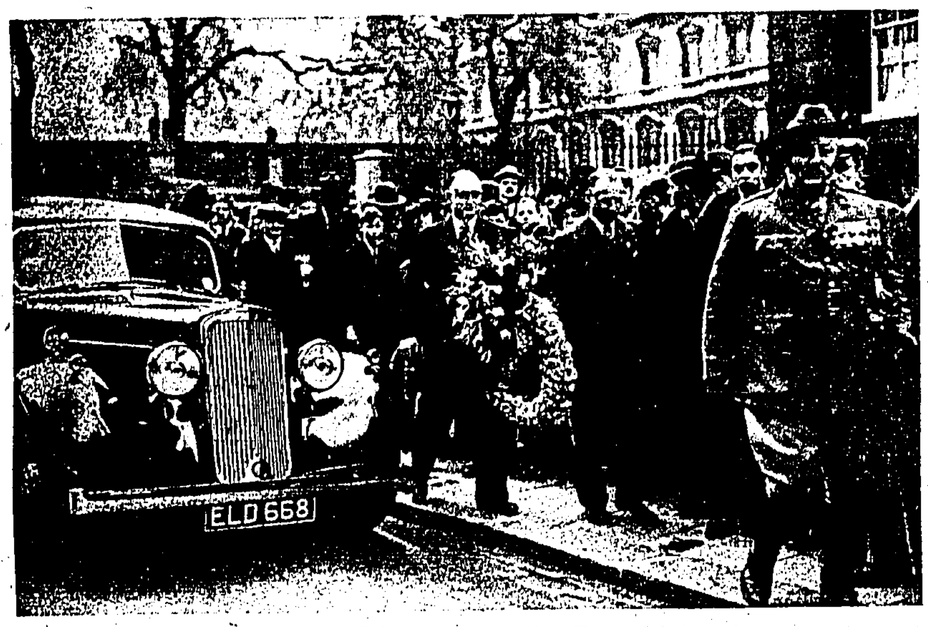
HAPPENINGS AS SEEN BY THE CAMERA'S EYE

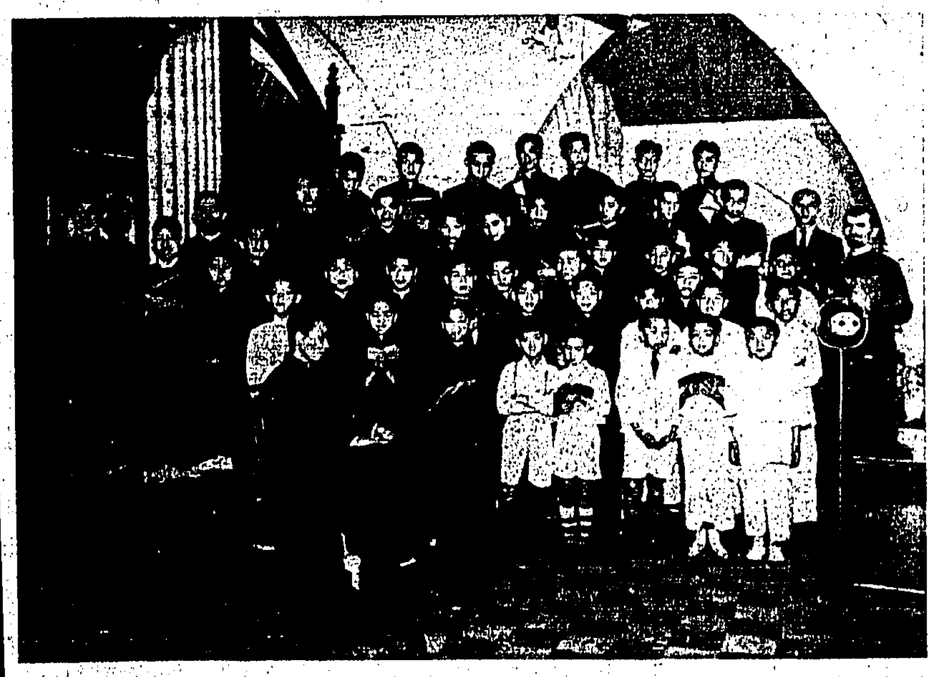
FOOTBALL INTERPORT. Teams representing the Hongkong F.A. junior league and Macao, which met in an Interport football match last Sunday, which Macao won. Seated in the centre is the Portugese Consul-General, Sen. Alvaro Brilhante Laborinho. (*Mee Cheung*).

MRS. M. K. LO presenting the H.K.F.A. second division championship cup to the captain of the Middlesex Regiment, winners of the division. The function took place on Sunday, following the Interport between Hongkong and Macao. (*Mee Cheung*).



DON BRADMAN and Stanley McCabe, the Australian Test cricketers in a new type of photograph. They are shown walking with a wreath laid at the Cenotaph in London on the occasion of Anzac Day commemoration. With them is Lieut-Col. E. K. Smart, D.S.O., M.C., of the Australian Imperial Forces, and standing alongside is the Humber car placed at the disposal of the cricketers.

THE REV. FRANCIS WONG delivering his sermon during a recent local broadcast of a Chinese service from the Catholic Cathedral in Caine Road. (*Photo Mee Cheung*).



CHOIR OF THE local Minor Seminary and Altar Boys, photographed during the broadcast of a service from the Catholic Cathedral. (*Mee Cheung*).

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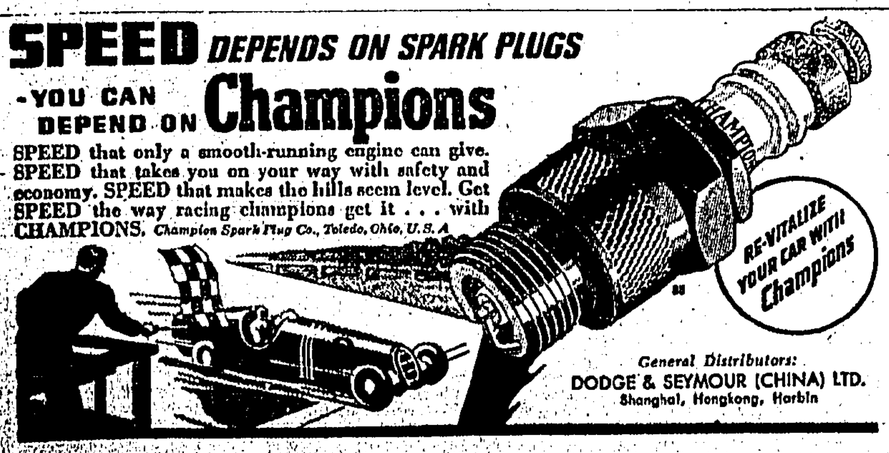

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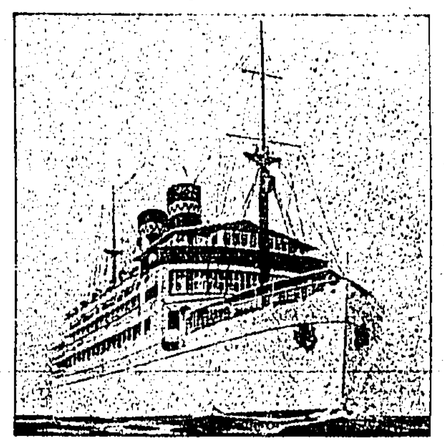

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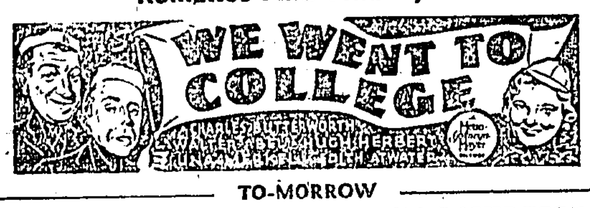

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Dr. Beyen's analysis compares the crisis of 1929-32 with present world conditions, and expresses the view that to-day there is much more hope of a quick recovery.

The analysis concludes by alluding to the fact that currencies of an increasing number of countries are adjusting themselves to levels which may be maintained on a permanent basis.—*Reuter.*

Philippines May Deport Thousands Of Alien People

Manila, May 9.

The Secretary for Labour has ordered the arrest and possible deportation of 11,000 aliens residing in the Philippine Islands. They will be charged with overstaying their landing permits. Seven thousand Chinese are affected by the decision.—*United Press.*

Dr. H.H. Kung Sends $50,000 For Relief

Hankow, May 10.

Dr. H. H. Kung, President of the Executive Yuan and Minister of Finance, has remitted $50,000 (national currency) to M. Paul Naggiar, French Ambassador to China, for the relief of Chinese refugees in the French Concession in Shanghai.

In a reply acknowledging receipt of the money the French Envoy stated that $30,000 of the amount has been turned over to the International Red Cross, $10,000 to the relief commission in Sicawei and the remaining $10,000 to foreign missions and hospitals in the French Concession for relief purposes.—*Central News.*

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